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Palestinian official appreciates US stand

CAIRO, Oct 15, (AP): A senior Palestinian official today welcomed a recent US policy statement which he interpreted as tantamount to a recognition of his group.

Hani Al Hassan was referring to a statement US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy made on Thursday to a Middle East sub-committee of the US House Foreign Affairs Committee in which he said the PLO cannot be overlooked and that Palestinians in the occupied territories identify with it.

Al Hassan, a senior aide to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, saw the statement as a US recognition of the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

He also lauded US President Reagan's view on Palestinian self-determination as an indication of a "development in US views."

Lauded
"We welcome Richard Murphy's recent comments that the Palestinians inside the occupied territories are with the PLO," Al Hassan said.

"This affirms that the PLO represents the Palestinians."

He also lauded statements made by US President Reagan last month to Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid in Washington in which he said the United States wants to move on to an overall settlement that takes into account the "legitimate rights" of Palestinian Arabs.

Meanwhile, an Israeli businessman was attacked with axes and knives in the West Bank city of Jenin today after Israeli forces raided three nearby villages and rounded up 20 Palestinians suspected of manufacturing home-made bombs.

Israeli soldiers, meanwhile, shot and wounded eight Palestinian protesters in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Amiri decree defines administrative zones Kuwait divided into five governorates

KUWAIT, Oct 15, (KUNA): An Amiri decree has been issued to replace a similar one from 1962 on the administrative structure of Kuwait.

The new decree, 156/88, stipulates that Kuwait be divided into five governorates, namely the Capital, Hawalli, Ahmadi, Jahra and Farwaniya.

The Capital governorate includes the sea coast until the coast opposite the eastern borders of Jahra Governorate from the north. From the east, it includes the sea coast until the international borders.

From the south, it encompasses the Third Ring Road until Al Jahra Road. West, from Ummara Motorway until Doha Port. It also includes islands of Failaka, Ouhah, Maskan, Kubbar, Garouh, Um El Maradem and Um El Namel, in addition to the Kuwaiti territorial waters.

Hawalli
The Hawalli Governorate includes all the areas within its

borders stretching from the point where the Fourth Ring Road and Maghreb Motorway meet all the way north until the Third Ring Road.

Eastward from Raas Al Ardh area along the coast in a southward direction until the point it meets with the Seventh Ring Road. Southward, from the Seventh Ring Road toward the west until Al Safar Motorway.

Westward, from the previous point north through Al Safar Motorway, until the point it intersects with the Fourth Ring Road.

Farwaniya

Farwaniya Governorate includes from the north, the point where Maghreb Motorway meets the Fourth Ring Road and stretches in a westward direction until it meets Jahra Road and towards the west through Jahra Road to the point where it intersects with Sulaibiya Road.

Westward, from the previous point towards the south until it

crosses with the Seventh Ring Road and southward in an easterly direction through the Seventh Ring Road until it intersects with Al Safar Motorway.

The eastern borders of the governorate begin from the previous point in a northward direction through Al Safar Motorway until the Fourth Ring Road.

Jahra

As for Jahra Governorate, it includes the Kuwaiti-Iraqi border from the north. The eastern border starts from the northern international borders along the coast until Manaqish Road.

The southern border begins from Manaqish Road in a westward direction until the Kuwaiti-Saudi border and stretches in a northward direction until the point where the Kuwaiti, Saudi and Iraqi borders meet.

The western border starts from the previous point along the Kuwaiti-Iraqi western border. Bubiyan and Warbah islands fall

under the jurisdiction of this governorate.

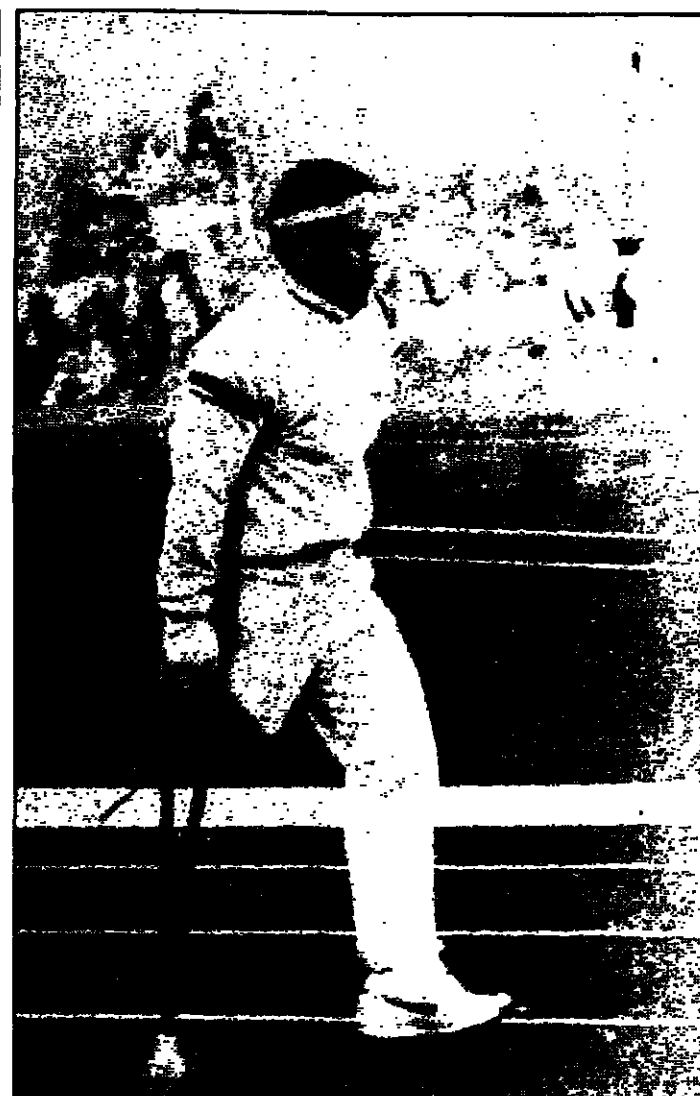
Ahmadi

As for the northern border of the fifth and final governorate, Ahmadi, it starts from the point where the coast and the Seventh Ring Road cross and stretches westward until its intersection with Sulaibiya Road.

The eastern border begins at the point where the coast and the Seventh Ring Road meet and moves southward along the coast until the Kuwaiti-Saudi border.

The southern border starts from the previous point in a northward direction until the coast meets with Rudaifah Desert Road.

The western border begins from Rudaifah Desert Road in a northward direction until it crosses with Manaqish Road. Manaqish Road stretches in an easterly direction until it crosses Sulaibiya Road and then stretches to the north until Sulaibiya Road meets the Seventh Ring Road.



Kang Duk-Chun, 22, ran the Paralympic torch into Seoul's Olympic stadium for the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sikh gunmen kill eight in Punjab

NEW DELHI, Oct 15, (Agencies): Suspected Sikh militants shot and killed eight people in Punjab and took Rs50,000 (\$3,570) from a bank, Indian news agencies reported today.

A group of Sikh gunmen raided the farmhouse of Ajai Singh in Badal Khal village in Jalandhar late Friday night and killed him and his two sons, Press Trust of India reported.

The other deaths occurred in Gurdaspur, Amritsar and Ludhiana districts.

Militant Sikhs are campaigning for an independent homeland in the Punjab. Sikhs, who make up about two per cent of India's 880 million people, claim they are discriminated against by the Hindus, the country's religious majority.

United News of India said suspected Sikh militants looted a state-owned bank in Punjab and escaped with Rs50,000 (\$3,570). It gave no details.

The latest killings brought the death toll blamed on the Sikh militants in Punjab this year to 2,071.

Meanwhile, a Sikh religious leader appealed today for clemency to be shown to two Sikhs sentenced to death in connection with the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The call came after the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh, both Sikhs, should hang for their involvement in the killing of Indira, whose son Rajiv succeeded her as prime minister.

Darshan Singh, head of the Akal Takht or eternal throne in the Golden Temple, the Sikhs' holiest shrine, appealed for clemency, saying that the Sikh majority state of Punjab had suffered as a result of a government crackdown on separatists there.

"Punjab wants peace but the decision to hang Satwant and Kehar would be like rubbing salt into the wounds," he said.

Demonstrators dispersed

CAIRO, Oct 15, (UPI): Security forces today dispersed about 200 Muslim extremists who demonstrated in the streets of central Cairo, shouting anti-government slogans, witnesses said.

A police officer was injured and six demonstrators were arrested.

The protesters, who were armed with knives and chains, demanded the release of fellow fundamentalists languishing in jail.

DAY BY DAY

KUWAIT'S Livestock Company says it does not receive any support from the government and is operating on its own steam.

However, prices of meat sold by this company is higher than others even though the meat sold by this company is Australian.

The Consumer Protection Department must stop this state of affairs because the company imports Australian sheep.

These sheep are raised on chemical fodder with the specific goal of increasing and enhancing their wool content and not the quality of the meat.

The sheep imported into Kuwait from Australia as food are in fact used in Australia for their wool. In Australia the meat is fed to dogs. Additionally, the price of these sheep after slaughter is very low.

We must move to protect the public from consuming such meat. Unlike other imported meat, the Australian meat turns black after cooking.

What really is the secret reason behind the expensive prices of the livestock company's meat? Is it because such meat helps grow wool in the human body or does it help bald men grow hair because it contains chemical substances?

We want protection from the Ministry of Public Health and an answer to why the meat turns black after being cooked.

Zahed Matar

Muslim League factions unite to fight Benazir in election

ISLAMABAD, Oct 15, (Agencies): The two main rivals of Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto have joined forces to fight her Pakistan People's Party in general elections on Nov 16.

The two factions of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) announced last night that they were re-uniting under the leadership of former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

The announcement was made after a marathon negotiating session and not without a compromise from Junejo, who abandoned earlier demands that the Zia-appointed caretaker government step down.

Before yesterday's announcement both Muslim League factions had formed alliances with 11 smaller conservative parties, none of which were consulted prior to the merger. Whether they will meld into a single alliance is unknown.

Coalition
"I don't feel the necessity of consulting them," Junejo said at a news conference. Junejo will lead the newly united Muslim League.

Benazir could not be reached for comment. But she had said earlier the PPP would form a coalition government, if elected, with the eight other parties of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, which dates to military rule imposed by Zia.

Political analysts said the move was aimed at avoiding a split in the anti-Benazir vote. In 1970, the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won 59 per cent of National Assembly seats with

only 39 per cent of the popular vote under the first-past-the-post electoral system.

The united Muslim League will present a stronger challenge to the PPP, which since the death of military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in August has been widely favoured to do well in the polls, the analysts said.

Afraid
"This was expected," People's Party Secretary-General Tikka Khan commented today. "They are all afraid of the PPP."

The Muslim League split began when Zia sacked Junejo last May. The government faction was led by the powerful chief ministers of Pakistan's four provinces and most of the federal cabinet. They proclaimed themselves Zia's political heirs.

The Junejo faction, which included two serving cabinet ministers, criticised the late military ruler.

Today was the last day for filing nominations for the 207 National Assembly seats up for election.

Benazir, 35, filed her nomination papers for her father's old seat in her home town Larkana, in the southern province of Sind, yesterday.

Benazir is also due to contest a second seat — permitted under Pakistani electoral rules — in Lahore. Her mother Nusrat will stand for another Larkana constituency, PPP sources said.

Benazir's father-in-law Hakim Ali Zardari has abandoned the left-wing Awami National Party for the PPP and will stand for the seat of Nawabshah in Sind.

Paralympics open in Seoul

SEOUL, Oct 15, (AP): The eighth Paralympics, an international competition for the disabled, opened today with a call by South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo for more understanding for the world's disabled.

Over 3,000 disabled athletes from 60 countries are taking part in the 10-day competition, which will continue until Oct 24.

Thousands of athletes in wheelchairs entered Olympic park, the main venue of this year's Summer Olympics

Games, as about 50,000 spectators said he hoped the occasion "will bring courage and hope for the disabled and love and understanding for the world."

Ko Kui-Nam, president of the organising committee, said: "In this Paralympics, we do want you disabled to show yourselves as brave challengers, proud conquerors and equal participants, rather than simply running faster and jumping higher and farther."

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Thatcher's grip on power unchallenged

BRIGHTON, Oct 15, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher emerged triumphant from the annual Conservative Party conference, her grip on power unchallenged and hinting she may seek an unprecedented fourth term.

"We are all too young to put our feet up ... include myself," Mrs Thatcher told the 4,500 delegates, who broke into thunderous applause and cheers of "10 more years" during her keynote address.

The Conservative Party occupies the common ground of British politics ... and so it has fallen to us to lead Britain into the 1990s. And, who knows, beyond," she declared in a 45-minute speech.

The 63-year-old leader, who is the longest serving in the Western world, raised her arms in acknowledgement before leaving the hall to strains of the song "Land of Hope and Glory."

In her speech, Mrs Thatcher bluntly accused advocates of

closer political union in the European Economic Community of trying to "spread socialism by stealth."

She also pledged support of the next US President.

While sensitive to charges Britain has grown richer and more materialistic through years of right-wing economic policies, she outlined a programme for the 1990s urging generosity and civic pride. "Those who care, and they are the great majority of us, now have the means to give," she said.

Opposition leader Neil Kinnock, who at his Labour Party's convention last week described the Thatcher ethos as, "no number other than one, no person other than me," commented, "it obviously struck a raw nerve."

The Conservatives finished the conference, last in the autumn season of political conventions, with polls showing Mrs Thatcher maintaining a healthy five-point lead over Labour, which is struggling to devise a new, more moderate platform.

Deputies search for ways to save Lebanese Parliament

BEIRUT, Oct 15, (Reuters): Lebanese deputies held talks today on how to prevent their Parliament becoming the next victim of the crisis which has already forced the presidency to stand vacant.

Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini ends his one-year term on Tuesday, when deputies are due to meet either to re-elect him or choose a successor.

But the venue has been set as the Parliament building in Nejmeh Square in Syrian-held West Beirut, where most of the 41 Christian deputies refuse to travel for security reasons.

Deputy House Speaker Albert Mukheiber said deputies held informal contacts today in an attempt to overcome the impasse, the latest twist in sectarian rivalry which has led to Lebanon being ruled by two rival governments.

Political sources said lack of a speaker would paralyse the legislature — the only surviving government forum where Christians and Muslims of different political persuasions can meet.

Christian hardliners said the United States and Syria had tried to force Parliament to elect pro-Syrian deputy Mikhael Daher as President.

Mediate
Western diplomatic sources said today that the United States was working to end the deadlock and avert fresh civil war through talks with the Syrian-backed Muslims and their Christian foes.

US Ambassador John McCarthy discussed the impasse over the presidency yesterday with Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir, spiritual leader of the Christian Maronite community which holds the country's top

political office.

Political sources said Sfeir, authorised to mediate by Christian deputies, told McCarthy that Washington should try to convince Syria to change the pact naming Daher as their choice.

The sources said the Christians wanted to choose three or four presidential candidates and give a list of possibilities to Washington, which would then discuss it with Syrian officials.

"Washington is trying to ease the tension by assuring Syria of its commitment to the accord and at the same time telling the Christians it will not impose a candidate on them," a Western diplomat said.

Pro-Syrian leftist Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, however, said all political efforts were a waste of time as the country was already partitioned by its rival communities into mini-states.

51 die as ferry capsizes

TACLOBAN, Philippines, Oct 15, (UPI): Rescuers sawed through wreckage to free dozens of passengers trapped inside a badly overcrowded ferry that capsized in a sudden gale, leaving at least 51 people dead and one missing, officials said today.

Passengers of the ship taking revellers home from a village fiesta when it capsized early yesterday clung to the side of the vessel, which had a capacity of 34 but was carrying 130 people, officials said.

Rescuers took 78 survivors to remote villages along the coast of eastern Samar province, about 400 miles (650 km) southeast of Manila.

A rescuer described a scene of mayhem as rescuers sawed through the wreckage of the vessel "Balangiga" to free dozens of passengers trapped inside the capsized boat.

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WEATHER

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Low water: 9.00 am and 9.00 pm
Sunrise: 5.50 am
Sunset: 5.17 pm
Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 35°C 95°F
Ahmadi: 32°C 90°F
Fahala: 32°C 90°F
Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 34°C 93°F
Ahmadi: 32°C 90°F
Fahala: 31°C 88°F
Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 82 per cent
Ahmadi: 89 per cent
Fahala: 90 per cent
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 86 per cent
Ahmadi: 93 per cent
Fahala: 94 per cent

Iran welcomes overture of friendship from Fahd

DUBAI, Oct 15, (Reuters): Iran has welcomed an overture of friendship from Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who cut diplomatic ties with Tehran last April after accusing it of hostile acts.

"In Iran, the recent expression of sentiment by King Fahd for our country is seen as a positive gesture," Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Sheikholeslam told reporters last night during a stopover in Dubai on his way to Kenya.

In opening a conference of Islamic information ministers in Saudi Arabia last Tuesday, King Fahd referred to Iran as a brother Muslim country and said he was sorry it had sent no delegation to the conference.

Iran's military supremo, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said yesterday Tehran should stop quarrelling with Gulf states and co-operate with them to shore up oil prices.

Sheikholeslam also said he hoped countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) would play a more active role "in bringing peace and stability to the region."

The GCC, has said it will help push forward stalled peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

The talks have been stalemated since they began in Geneva on Aug 25 over Baghdad's demand for full sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway.

278 die of encephalitis in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Oct 15, (AP): Encephalitis has killed at least 278 people in Nepal in the past two months, Ministry of Health officials said today.

They said 899 people reportedly have contracted the disease, and 170 still are undergoing treatment.

Most of the cases are in the tropical plains of southern Nepal bordering the northern and eastern Indian states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Bengal, the ministry said.

Encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, is caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes.

Resignation of party chief demanded

Key meeting to tackle Yugoslav economic crisis

BELGRADE, Oct. 15, (AP): Thousands who protested against the worst economic crisis in years awaited a key government meeting on Monday to consider widespread demands for resignations within the country's leadership.

The national central committee of the communist policy-setting committee is scheduled next week in Belgrade to tackle the crisis. The authorities yesterday announced an easing of unpopular austerity measures after massive protests.

Heading toward Monday's session, the leaders of this Balkan republic clashed over ethnic, economic and political issues.

Fierce

Demands voiced at political meetings around Yugoslavia's six republics ranged yesterday from a call to end one-party rule from liberal northern Slovenia to Serbian demands for the resignation of Communist Party chief Stipe Suvor.

The central committee convenes to try to end fierce party

infighting and to find ways to resolve the worst social and economic crisis since World War II.

After a series of meetings of Communist Party leaderships in four republics and the province of Kosovo ending yesterday, one ethnic Albanian leader from Kosovo said he was willing to resign from the ruling Politburo on Monday.

This followed word yesterday Milanko Renovic, a Politburo member and former national party chief, also will step down on Monday.

Compared

Three other members of the national central committee from Kosovo, including Sinan Hasani, a former Yugoslav President, also expressed their willingness to resign their national central committee posts, the state news agency Tanjug reported.

The official Socialist Youth Organisation in Slovenia has demanded direct elections, independent trade unions and the abolition of press censorship

in addition to the end of the one-party system adopted after World War II.

The Slovenian Youth Organisation compared the rallies it said the Serbian Communist Party is using to push centralising policies with the tactics of the Nazi party in pre-war Germany.

"In Serbia, they are manipulating with the masses in the same way as was done in Germany between the two world wars," the organisation said in a statement.

Several Serbian communist organisations, including the influential Belgrade organisation, Yugoslavia's largest, demanded the resignation of Suvor after the Communist Party chief's attacks on Serbian communists this week.

Belgrade communist chief Rados Smilkovic was one of various Serbian communist leaders who charged that Suvor is trying to turn Monday's meeting into an indictment of Yugoslavia's largest republic.

US Senate passes anti-drug bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, (Reuters): Under election pressure to take strong action against drugs, the US Senate has passed a sweeping anti-drug bill that would fine drug users and could sentence murderers in drug-related killings to death.

The bill, passed 87-3 yesterday, would also require judges to permanently deny federal benefits to people more than twice convicted of drug possession.

The legislation now goes to the House of Representatives, which passed its own anti-drug bill in September also with a death penalty and penalties for drug users.

A final version of the bill, the last major legislation pending before adjournment for the Nov. 8 presidential and congressional elections, is expected to pass Congress and go to President Reagan sometime next week after differences are resolved.

Pornography

Among the many provisions in the Senate bill are curbs on child pornography, a ban on plastic guns that could avoid metal detectors and health warnings for alcoholic beverages.

The bill authorises \$2.6 billion to be used in drug prevention and treatment programmes and to help law enforcement agencies fight drug dealers and smugglers. It also establishes a so-called federal drug "czar" to coordinate federal anti-drug policies.

Federal benefits that drug users could lose include farm aid, student loans and government mortgage guarantees. "Means tested" benefits such as food stamps would be exempt.

Supporters said the bill was an attempt to reduce demand for drugs in the United States by penalising the millions of otherwise law-abiding drug users who provide much of the market for narcotics traffickers.



Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Michael Dukakis, Kitty Dukakis and California Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy acknowledge the cheers of supporters during a rally in Sacramento. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bush hunts votes in California

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, (Reuters): A buoyant George Bush, basking in the afterglow of a debate that solidified his frontrunner status, is barnstorming vote-rich California in a bid to wrap up the biggest prize among the states.

The Republican presidential candidate, who planned a bus trip today through the state's central agricultural region, told the cheering partisans yesterday that his final debate with Democratic rival Michael Dukakis had moved him closer to victory on Nov. 8.

Change

"I believe I moved my campaign forward by what happened last night," Bush said of Thursday night's 90-minute debate.

But the vice-president said he would not adopt a complacent attitude during the campaign's remaining 24 days.

He said fortunes can change rapidly in politics, noting that just two months ago he was trail-

ing by as much as 17 points in opinion polls.

"No, no, there's no overconfidence at all," he told reporters. "I remember how these polls can change."

But there was a growing feeling in the political community that a Bush victory was almost inevitable after Dukakis failed to score a breakthrough in a debate that most political experts felt was his best chance to catch to catch the vice-president.

Even before the debate, polls showed Bush clinging to a slim, but persistent lead in the popular vote and news organisation projections gave him an edge of more than two-to-one in the state-by-state electoral vote that will actually determine the next president.

Gloom pervaded the Dukakis camp yesterday and top campaign aide John Sasso conceded that "we're down a little bit."

But Dukakis invoked the

memory of John Kennedy, another Massachusetts Democrat, who he said won in 1960 despite trailing in the polls in the final days of the campaign.

Planned

"You know this victory is out there to be won," Dukakis said in delivering a pep talk to supporters in Sacramento. "So give it everything you have."

Dukakis planned to stump in California today in a bid for the state's 47 electoral votes, the largest block among the states.

Under the indirect US system, 270 electoral votes are needed to win the election with the popular vote winner in a state taking all of that state's electoral votes.

The Massachusetts governor also planned a rally in Texas where polls show he has fallen far behind in the competition for that state's 29 electoral votes, the third biggest block.

Poles seek US backing to overhaul economy

WARSAW, Oct. 15, (UPI): Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, seeking United States backing to overhaul Poland's flagging economy, was told yesterday a path toward democratic reforms would lead to American financial aid.

US Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, ending his three-day visit to Poland, said Washington was ready to help Poland if reforms are implemented.

"We believe our relationship can develop ... much more rapidly in the future if the kinds of trends toward liberalization, toward pluralization, towards greater democracy take place, the kinds of trends that seem to be now beginning," Whitehead said at a press conference before flying to Prague.

Rakowski, at his first press conference since taking over a head of government Sept. 27, said improved relations between Warsaw and Washington would lead to "an expansion of contacts and a positive stand in the financial international organisations."

Assistance

Whitehead had discussed Poland's application for assistance from the International Monetary Fund with West German Foreign Minister Dietrich Genscher earlier.

Rakowski, 63, held his press conference after Parliament approved his 22-member cabinet in a 365-1 vote.

Acknowledging the tough job that lies ahead in turning Poland's economy around, Rakowski said a lot depends on expanded relations with the United States, which can influence international organisations to grant badly needed credits to Poland.

Carlucci lauds pilots of 'secret' Stealth

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, (AP): The Defence Department still doesn't talk officially about its Stealth aircraft. But Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci is not above discussing some of the men who fly the planes.

Carlucci, appearing in Beverly Hills, California, yesterday to deliver a speech before the Society of Experimental Test Pilot, identified by name two pilots "who flew in the earliest days of Stealth aircraft development."

The secretary lauded "men like Bill Park and Ken Dyson" as "unsung heroes" and "the backbone of our nation's defences."

"Although for now your achievements must remain private, the results can be seen in the successes America is realising throughout the world," Carlucci declared. "The time will come when history will fully record your accomplishments."

A copy of Carlucci's speech was released in Washington.

Norman Kenneth Dyson is the chief test pilot for the Rockwell International Corp., and William M. Park is director of flight operations for advanced development projects at the Lockheed Corp.

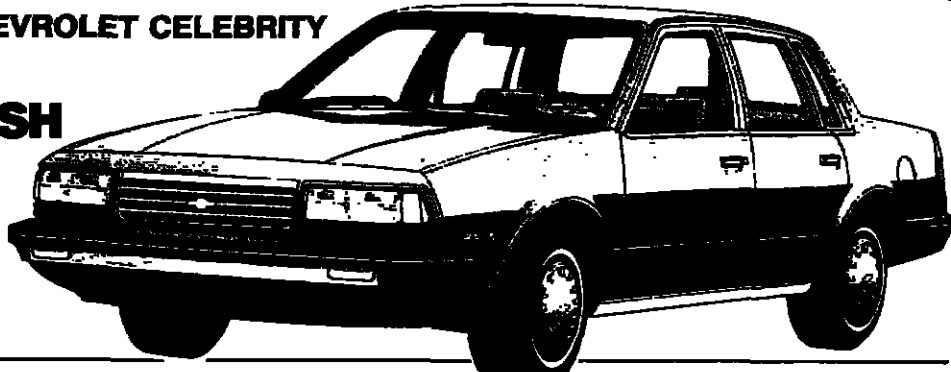
Although Dyson was described in a recent book as a test pilot involved in flying experimental Stealth aircraft, the Defence Department and Air Force never have acknowledged the work of either man on such programmes.

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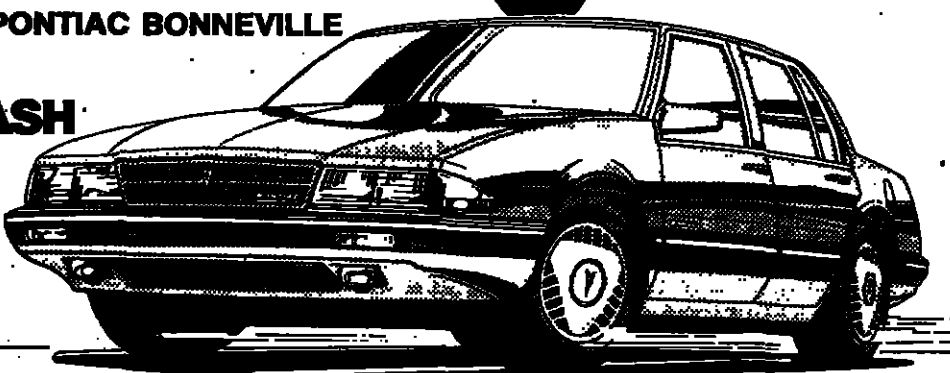
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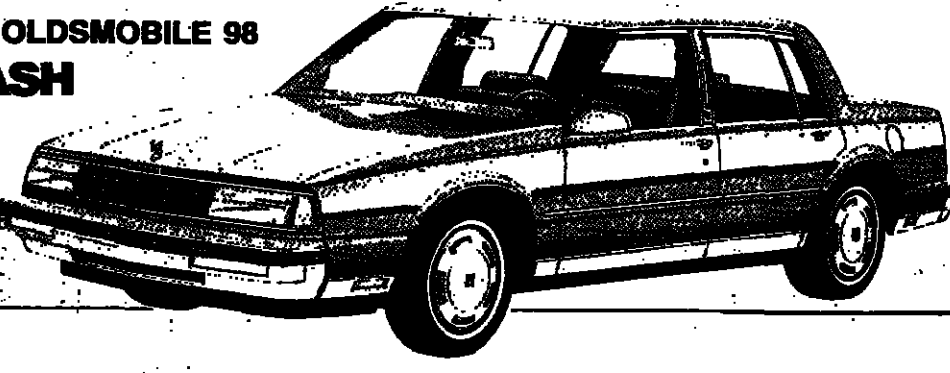
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Winnie visits husband

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 15, (AP): Winnie Mandela visited her husband, black nationalist Nelson Mandela, at his closely guarded hospital room today and said he was "very angry" at suggestions he was co-operating with the government.

President P. W. Botha, while in Switzerland last week, suggested the jailed African National Congress leader could be freed if he "continues co-operating with the authorities, as he is doing at present."

"About the so-called co-operation with the government, Mandela says he will answer to that himself," Mrs. Mandela told reporters. "As he said that, he looked very angry."

Mandela, 70, is recuperating from tuberculosis at the Constantiaberg Clinic, a modern private hospital in Cape Town. He became ill in August, and doctors expect him to make a complete recovery in two to three months.

Mrs. Mandela said she and her husband did not discuss the latest wave of speculation that he may soon be freed after 26 years in prison.

"All the rumours about his release are sheer rumours," she said.

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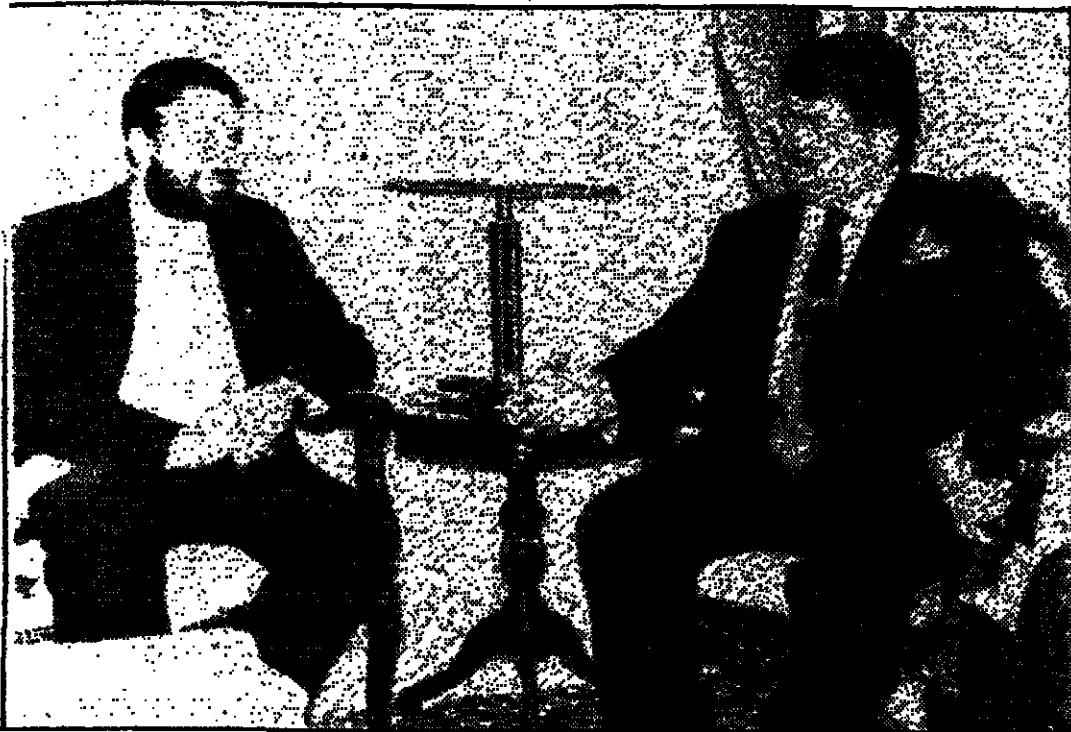
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Iran's Deputy Premier Ali Reza Moayeri (left) holding talks with Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in Ankara. (Reuters wirephoto)

100,000 Kurds to settle in Iran

NICOSIA, Oct 15. (Reuters): Iran will accept more than 100,000 Iraqi Kurdish refugees, Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri was quoted today as saying.

Moayeri was speaking to the Iranian news agency IRNA in Tehran on his return from Turkey where thousands of Kurds fled to escape a Baghdad Army offensive in northern Iraq in mid-July.

"Iran, due to Islamic and humanitarian reasons, has mobilised its resources for settlement of more than 100,000 Iraqi Kurdish refugees," IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Moayeri as saying.

Turkish officials say about 14,000 of about 50,000 Kurds who fled from Iraq to Turkey left for Iran during the past week, bringing to 32,000 the number of refugees Tehran says have entered since mid-July.

However, Moayeri reiterated his statement that because of the

onset of winter and the harsh conditions in the border area, "the arrival of fresh groups of Kurds will be difficult and dangerous."

Message

IRNA said Moayeri gave Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal a message from Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi.

"The problems of the refugees who have fled their hometowns in northern Iraq due to the massive bombardment of the area by the Baghdad forces was discussed with Premier Ozal," the agency quoted Moayeri as saying.

Moayeri spent Friday in Turkey discussing the refugee problem with Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz and other government officials, said the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia. It said Moayeri described the talks as friendly.

Corruption threatens China reforms

BEIJING, Oct 15. (Reuters): Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang in his toughest speech to date has said corruption among officials threatens the future of China's reforms.

In remarks published today in the party newspaper People's Daily, Zhao said some Chinese did not believe in the party's commitment to root out corruption because it had sometimes failed to carry out its pledges.

"Now there is indeed corruption among some party and government officials. If we do not take effective measures to control and overcome it, this phenomenon will spread and deepen," Zhao told a high-level meeting on Friday.

"If we let matters drift, the new economic order will not be established, the reforms will not continue."

Accompanying the report of Zhao's speech was a report announcing the shake-up of one of China's most powerful state enterprises.

Differences grow over how to end war

Afghan party delays meeting

KABUL, Oct 15. (Reuters): A crucial meeting of the Afghan ruling party was postponed yet again today, apparently reflecting deep internal differences over moves to end a long and bitter war against the country's Muslim guerrillas.

A government spokesman, announcing the delay in holding a full session of the central committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), told Western reporters he had been given no explanation for the postponement.

He said he had been given no new date, but held out the possibility of the meeting being held within the next few days.

Afghan officials said the central committee was due to meet to discuss national reconciliation, Kabul's phrase for peace moves towards the guerrillas called mujahideen it has been fighting for 10 years.

The rebel political leadership in the northwest Pakistan city of Peshawar has spurned all

Kabul's peace offers so far, including that of a coalition government.

Western diplomats said the new delay in the meeting originally scheduled for last Monday, suggested that the deeply divided party has not yet been able to agree on new action to end the war.

The more pragmatic Parchami faction led by President Najibullah, who is also head of the PDPA, is backing the national reconciliation policy. But the Khalqi faction, with its revolutionary ideology, is believed to want to fight to the end.

The delay coincided with the arrival on Saturday of Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov to take up his new post as Ambassador to Kabul just two days after the surprise announcement of his appointment.

He arrived four months before the last Soviet combat troops were due to leave Afghanistan

under a UN-mediated accord signed in April in Geneva. The Soviet Union intervened in Afghanistan in late 1979 and installed a pro-Moscow government.

The diplomats said his first task would likely be to get the rival PDPA factions to resolve their differences.

Negotiations

They said appointing a man as powerful as Vorontsov, who is considered very close to the Kremlin leadership, meant Moscow wanted to try to negotiate an end to the war.

"Both sides are locked into tough positions and something big has to happen if the impasse is to be broken," one said.

The diplomats said speculation was rife that the party meeting might result in Najibullah's downfall — believed by some to be a prerequisite for a dialogue between the factions.

Getting rid of Najibullah has to be the opening move if there is to be any realistic chance for a

dialogue with the other side," said one.

The mujahideen appear confident that they will win the war with the Afghan government once the Soviet troops have left and the diplomats said they doubted any peace talks were possible.

"I think if one side came up with a plan, even if it seemed reasonable, the other side would reject it because the animosities run so deep they would automatically assume there was a trick in it somewhere," one said.

Meanwhile, the United States has expressed puzzlement over the nature of the Soviet Union's pledge of aid to help rebuild Afghanistan.

US State Department spokesman Charles Redman said it was not clear whether the Soviet announcement "represented new assistance rather than repackaging of existing support or what conditions may be attached to the aid."

Indian judge removed from Carbide trial

BHOPAL, Oct 15. (AP): An appellate court has removed the judge in the lawsuit against Union Carbide Corp., saying that he based his multimillion-dollar interim awards for relatives of the Bhopal gas disaster victims on his emotions — not reason.

Justice S.K. Seth has ordered that the case be transferred from district court judge M.W. Deo to the most senior additional district judge in Bhopal.

Deo "was moved by sentiments rather than by reason while ordering interim relief," Seth said in the order he issued on Thursday.

New judge

As of last week, 3,135 people had died and about 500,000 people had been affected by the Dec 3, 1984, leak of poisonous gas from a Bhopal pesticide factory. The plant was owned by Union Carbide's Indian subsidiary.

In his ruling, Seth said it was "most disturbing" that Deo ordered Union Carbide to pay 3.5 billion rupees (\$270 million) as interim relief to victims of the disaster "without first establishing a prima facie (initial) case against the defendant."

Hirohito stable

TOKYO, Oct 15. (AP): Emperor Hirohito's condition was "leveling off" and physicians were not planning any blood transfusions despite worry over continued bleeding, a palace spokesman said today.

Although the 87-year-old Japanese monarch showed signs of slight intestinal bleeding between last night and this morning, they were not enough to merit additional blood transfusions, Imperial Household Agency spokesman Kenji Maeda said.

The emperor's temperature fell to 37.5 C (99.5 F) today from 38.1 C (100.6 F) last night, Maeda said. Hirohito's normal temperature is believed to be 35.5 C (95.9 F).

Children under five die in Sudanese town

KHARTOUM, Oct 15. (Reuters): All children under five have died in a refugee-packed Sudanese town where the United States has begun an airlift of food and medicine, relief workers said.

The first mercy flights were shuttling into Abyei in southern Kordofan province where relief agencies said a generation has been wiped out by starvation and malnutrition.

"Immediate airlift was decided upon for Abyei and other locations because food stocks are below what is necessary to sustain the numbers there," an official for the USAID relief agency said.

Abyei's population has swelled to around 100,000 with the arrival of 25,000 refugees from the Dinka tribe fleeing the surrounding bush to escape harassment by militiamen, flood and famine exacerbated by five years of civil war, the relief workers said.

But the situation in the town is little better. Roads into Abyei have been made impassable by heavy floods and aircraft ferrying supplies can only carry a tonne at a time.

A USAID official said only 18 tonnes of relief aid had so far reached Abyei, 650 km (420 miles) from Khartoum. Each of the chartered Nile Safaris' relief aircraft is making three trips a day to the town where USAID plans to deliver a total of 90 tonnes of food and medicine in a million dollar operation.

More aid will be sent by road when the floods subside.

Filipino colonel dies trying to escape

MANILA, Oct 15. (AP): An Air Force colonel arrested for his role in last year's coup attempt was shot and killed today while trying to escape from a military prison, the armed forces said.

Lieut Col Francisco Baula died at a military hospital about nine hours after guards at suburban Camp Crame stockade shot him when he refused calls to halt and ignored warning shots.

Baula was wounded three times, according to Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, commander of the Philippine Constabulary.

Baula used women slats and the two frames of his double-decker bed to construct a makeshift ladder, Montano said.

Disaster

Baula stood accused of participating in the Aug 28, 1987, coup attempt against President Corason Aquino's government.

As operations officer of the Air Force's 420th Supply Wing he allegedly directed the takeover of the Vambor air base in the

and more than 300 wounded in the revolt led by former Lieut Col Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan.

Meanwhile, 55 people, mostly women and children, drowned in the central Philippines after heavy winds and big waves capsize their overloaded motorised boat, the coast guard said today.

In the north, seven people died when a landslide caused by a downpour destroyed a church, the Red Cross said.

A coast guard official said 55 people drowned and 77 were rescued after a canoe-like ferryboat sank near Lawaan, in eastern Samar province about 550 kms southeast of Manila, on Wednesday night.

The boat, carrying the 132 people to a nearby island province, was built for up to 92 people, rescue workers said.

In the northern village of Mabiat in Laguna province, seven people were killed, seven wounded and four families made homeless by the landslide, on Thursday afternoon.

Poor communications delayed rescue efforts for the missing

Malaysia, Bangladesh contest council seat

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 15. (Reuters): Malaysia and Bangladesh both believe they have the edge in their contest for the Asian vacancy in the UN Security Council, diplomats said.

A two-thirds majority is needed for election in the secret ballot due to be held in the General Assembly on Oct 26.

The two states are running for a two-year term in the seat that will be vacated by Japan at year-end. Because neither candidate was willing to withdraw in favour of the other, the contest has divided the Asian group of states.

As Bangladesh and Malaysia share membership in the Commonwealth and the Organisation of Islamic Conference, their rivalry presents difficult choices also for the states represented in those groups, officials said.

Source close to the Malaysian delegation said they had received pledges of support from more than 100 states, but they acknowledged that in a secret ballot there could be no guarantee that all of these promises would be honoured.

Malaysia has served only once on the council, in 1965 when it agreed to split the normal two-year term with Czechoslovakia in order to break a deadlock in the balloting.

Bangladesh had a full term, 1979-80, and Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury was President of the General Assembly in 1986. Malaysia has never held that prestigious office.

Choudhury now is in New York spearheading Bangladesh's drive for another council term. Malaysia's new chief delegate, Ismail Razali, is in charge of his country's effort.

Diplomats said Bangladesh based its appeal for support in part on a contention that its impoverished state guaranteed more sympathy for the majority of poor countries that make up the UN membership than more affluent Malaysia would accord.

Malaysian officials said that as the Security Council was not a body dealing with economics, this argument would be relevant only if the contest were for a seat in the economic and social council, a separate body for which voting will take place also on Oct 26.

Preconditions may delay talks

N. Korea accepts summit offer

TOKYO, Oct 15. (UPI): North Korea welcomed today an offer by South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo for a summit meeting on unifying the divided peninsula but attached a list of preconditions certain to delay, if not kill, the talks.

Roh, flush with the success of the Summer Olympics, offered on Oct 4 to visit the North Korean capital of Pyongyang for the first meeting between a South Korean leader and North Korea's founder and President, Kim Il Sung.

"We consider this deserves welcome," said a statement issued by North Korea's Committee for Peaceful Reunifica-

tion of the Fatherland and distributed by the official (North) Korean Central News Agency.

But the statement, monitored in Tokyo, went on to say that the major conflicts between the two countries must be resolved before the summit.

Law

The North Korean position conflicts with Roh's suggestion that the summit be used as a springboard to start the process of reunification.

Korea has been divided since the end of World War II, and the two Koreas have remained bitter enemies since the Korean war ended in 1953.

North Korea said its top precondition for the summit is the abolition of South Korea's National Security Law, which is used to silence students and dissidents who vehemently call for reunification.

"We hold that the South Korean authorities must, above all, abolish the National Security Law, which is incompatible with the North-South dialogue," the statement said.

The North said it is willing to hold the summit only when guaranteed of solutions to the major issues, including removal of 42,000 US military personnel from South Korea, signing a non-aggression pact and reunification.

"If talks were called blindly, without assurances of settlement of these questions and were brought to a rupture without success, the disappointment of the fellow countrymen would be really irreparable," the North said.

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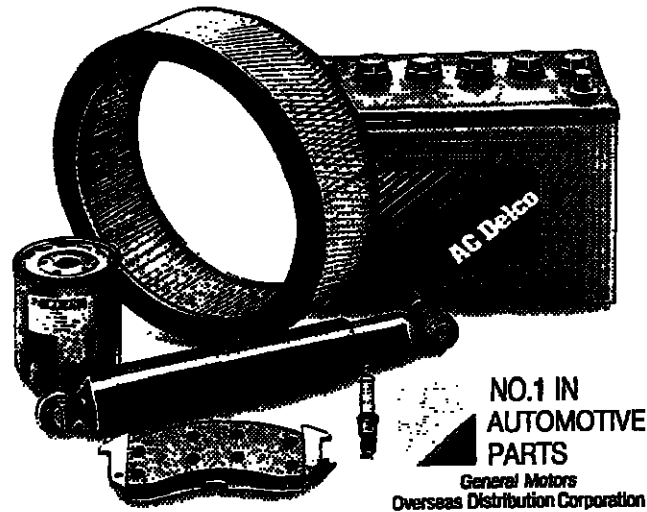
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Norwegian minister in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (Reuters): Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joergen Holst discussed UN Gulf peacekeeping forces today at the start of a Middle East tour in Kuwait, Norway's Ambassador to Kuwait Hans Longva told Reuters.

Longva said he talks with Kuwaiti Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi focused on the August 20 ceasefire between Iran and Iraq and the role of the UN observers.

Norway is one of the 24 countries in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG) which is supervising the ceasefire.

Holst also discussed the UN-sponsored peace talks between Iran and Iraq aimed at ending their eight-year war, Longva said.

Holst will also visit Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Egypt to discuss Norwegian participation in other UN forces in the Middle East.

Adviser hails award of Nobel Prize

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (KUNA): Adviser to Amiri Diwan Abdel Aziz Hussein said awarding Nobel Prize of Literature to Egyptian Arab Novelist Naguib Mahfouz is a tribute to Arab thought and literature and recognition of the importance of Arab literature in both national and international spheres.

Hussein, who chairs the Committee for Comprehensive Arab Culture Plan, said: "We were expecting the award of the Nobel Prize of Literature to an Arab thinker a long time ago as many of Arab thinkers deserve to win this award."

In a statement to the Kuwait News Agency, (KUNA), here today, Hussein expressed his happiness that the prize has at last been given to the prominent Arab writer.

He said he hopes that this award will be an incentive for Arabs to score accomplishments in other fields, particularly in scientific spheres. He also expressed his surprise that some Arab media are ignoring this great event and said that an earlier decision to boycott Mahfouz's works is not excuse for ignoring such a big event.

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Dental Centre struggles to accommodate patients

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S Dental Centre is filled with patients and dentists are scheduling appointments for as far away as March next year.

Patients cannot get immediate appointments unless they require urgent treatment, said Dr Mohamed Belal, co-ordinator of the Regional Clinics of Dental Departments.

The Dental Centre is the only main centre in Kuwait offering specialised treatment. The centre, which includes 46 clinics, is receiving 500 patients every day, he said.

Each patient spends as long as an hour with the dentist, which puts an additional burden on the staff and makes it impossible to see a large number of patients each day.

Shortage
Kuwait is faced with a shortage of qualified dentists. Those Kuwaiti doctors who have much-needed experience in the field are leaving the centre to open private clinics, Dr Belal said.

Dr Belal has appealed to the university to open a dental school to alleviate the shortage of Kuwaiti dentists.

In 1986, about 172,081

patients visited the Dental Centre. This year, the number has increased, he said. More than 500 patients seek treatment everyday.

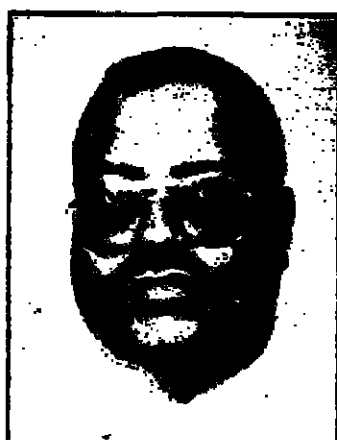
The centre is staffed by 51 specialised dentists. There are an average of 16 patients for each clinic each day, according to 1986 statistics.

Dr Belal also said that in the same year the casualty clinic at the centre received 25,904 patients, with an average of 71 patients per day. The casualty clinic is open 24 hours a day.

New centres
The Ministry of Public Health will open another four dental centres in Adan, Jahra, Farwaniya and Sabhan. Each centre will have 30 clinics, except in Sabhan, where the Research and Training Centre will have 120 clinics.

To upgrade Kuwait's dental services, the new centres will be provided with modern equipment and highly qualified dentists, Dr Belal said.

The doctor also had some words of caution for dental patients. He said people do not take the doctor's advice seriously and ignore instructions. For example, some people who are supposed to wear orthodontic braces remove them in the mid-



Dr Mohamed Belal die of the treatment period, Dr Belal said.

The doctor also said that because dentures are available at low costs, patients often go to different clinics and have several sets made. This practice is costly for the government and serves no purpose. It also does not improve the condition of the patient, he said.

On a more positive note, Dr Belal said the preventive treatment programme the ministry started five years ago has yielded some encouraging results in reducing dental decay and overcrowding at the clinics.

FAO facing awesome task

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (KUNA): When officials at the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) mark tomorrow's World Food Day, they will find one distressing and awesome task before them this year: How to feed some 500 million hungry people left homeless by devastating floods or famine.

This year's Oct 16 World Food Day, the anniversary that marks (FAO's) establishment in 1945, is particularly demanding in view of the growing responsibilities of the world body towards an ever increasing number of famine or flood-stricken people around the world.

Destroyed
Recent killer floods made hundreds of millions of people homeless and in dire need of food in the Sudan, Ethiopia, Chad, Bangladesh and India. Famine and desertification in the Western Sahara region and other parts of Africa are increasing the burden on FAO this year.

Natural disasters, floods, famine and locust attacks have destroyed vast areas of crop land that provided a major source of income for the countries in question.

According to a recent FAO report, the food requirements of 45 African countries will increase this year to 6.4 million tons, 42 per cent higher than in 1987.

Alarmed by the gravity of the situation, FAO Director General Edward Soma has underlined the urgent need to ship relief food supplies to affected areas.

He has suggested diverting portions of food stocks in world regions enjoying surpluses to others that badly need food to stay alive.

Self-sufficient
In Sudan alone which until recently has been hard pressed for food, floods have destroyed 600 villages, destroyed 116,000 houses and upwards of 70,000 acres of crop land.

FAO rushed \$4.5 million worth of food, and many other Arab countries, notably Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, started an airlift to help the people of Sudan overcome the disaster.

In Bangladesh the situation is worse. The floods killed 500 people and made some 25 million homeless.

Appealing for international help, President Mohammed Hussein Ershad said the country's economy is suffering. At least two million tons of crops were damaged.

FAO has ambitious plans to help developing and poor nations become food self-sufficient. But a budget deficit due to non-payment of membership dues by some Western countries led by the US is hampering FAO efforts, which cost \$20 million a month.

Having started the 1988 fiscal year with a budget shortfall of \$35 million, the Rome-based organisation drew from its reserves and adopted belt-tightening measures.

The US, which underwrites 25 per cent of FAO's \$437 million

budget that was endorsed in a November 1987 conference, has demanded budgetary reforms.

Washington also opposed the election of Soma, a Lebanese national, the third time. The reasons for the protest, American officials, were ideological and administrative.

But Arab consensus and solid backing from developing and poor nations combined to get them an important say in the way the organisation distributes its aid money and administers assistance programmes.

Despite this year's many natural disasters and financial deficit, FAO is keeping up its valuable agricultural development programmes in Third World countries.

Tomorrow's World Food Day anniversary is being held under the motto "the countryside youth."

16-year-old boy stabbed to death

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy identified as Ahmad Dughaiman was killed last Thursday by a 17-year-old boy named Khaled H., according to reports.

Two boys reportedly quarrelled in the Jahra area. The assailant allegedly stabbed the victim in the chest with a knife.

Medical investigations revealed that the knife penetrated the boy's heart.

The accused was arrested and referred to the authorities for prosecution.

Afforestation Week begins

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah tonight inaugurated the first Afforestation Week in a ceremony in Shuwaikh.

In the presence of sheikhs, ministers and senior officials, Sheikh Saad planted a palm tree and unveiled a memorial placard signalling the start of the afforestation and beautification of Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad and the guests then toured an exhibit of models of old Kuwaiti farms and markets organised by the Committee for Celebrating Afforestation Week and an agricultural display featuring modern irrigation systems and agricultural and animal produce.

The chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources and head of the Higher Committee for Afforestation, Sheikh Ibrahim

him Al Duaij Al Sabah welcomed the Crown Prince and thanked all those who shared in the afforestation plan and in organising the ceremony.

He said that the afforestation of Kuwait has been dreamt about and the Amiri desire to that end made the dreams come true.

Sheikh Ibrahim said that converting the desert into an oasis and spreading greenery is part of a comprehensive plan.

The afforestation of Kuwait represents the Kuwaiti people's historical will and determination, he added.

Sheikh Ibrahim described the ceremony as an occasion to thank God almighty for the presence of oil that contributed in turning arid lands into green oases.

He appealed to citizens to extend a helping hand to ensure the success of the afforestation plan.

HPC releases annual report

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (KUNA): The Committee on Demographic Policies and Manpower Development, an offshoot of the Higher Planning Council, has decided to defer action on a memorandum granting permanent residence, according to a report published here today.

The annual report of the Higher Planning Council, approved at a session held Sept 23 under HH the Crown Prince and Premier, indicated that the issue was deferred to allow for additional study, to sound out opinion of those concerned and to get acquainted with experiences of other countries in this field.

The Council's Social Committee, the report adds, gave attention to changing behavioural trends of the individual in the Kuwaiti society. The committee noted the negative aspects in personal conduct which are spreading in the local community.

As an example, it cited the spread of alcoholism and drug addiction and recommended a thorough study of the causes of the problem, its extent and measures to combat it.

The Social Committee recommended setting up a technical committee, to review studies and research on the subject. It also suggested establishing a specialised organ to fight the use of narcotics and alcoholism.

The committee also considered means of strengthening internal national unity and reasons for the community's lack of cohesion and harmony, the report noted.

Summing up annual activities of the committee, the report said it included ways to increase the percentage of Kuwaiti nationals compared to the country's total population, optimum use of expatriate labour force by reducing dependence on it and raising the percentage of nationals in the total workforce.

The report indicated that planning is a continuous process, which involves national development. The report underscored the need to draw up scientific plans and programmes to develop and upgrade manpower to realise socio-economic development.

Meanwhile, the Higher Planning Council said it has appointed a subcommittee to recommend ways of remedying the current budget deficit in co-operation with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR). The institute has already presented an interim report on the question.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Funds raised for flood victims

THE Bangladesh Association in conjunction with the Bangladesh embassy have raised more than BD6,000 for victims of the recent Bangladesh floods.

Since the appeal was launched few weeks ago, a large number of organisations and individuals donated generously towards the fund created for the flood victims. Contributions in both cash and kind have been steadily pouring in from all sectors.

According to Bangladesh Charge d'Affaires Abdul Ma'oun Choudhry, although the response to the appeal has been quite good, further contributions are welcome.

"We are grateful to the people who have contributed. Of course we would welcome more cash. Although the fury of the flood is over, the Bangladesh people are still in need in cash," he said.

For more information contact the embassy at 293371 or call the Bangladesh Association at 728416.

The charge d'affaires stated the embassy will contact airlines to help transport bulk goods if required.

Grindlays Bank expands

GRINDLAYS BANK (Bahrain) recently expanded its premises at Manama Centre.

Bank Chairman Mohamed Al Zamil said the expansion of the banking hall at the bank's headquarters was in response to the needs of customers whose dealings with it increased and became more diversified.

"The extension is part of a plan to be carried out over the next five years, after the bank launched a pioneering plan to give 10-year loans to civil servants and employees of major companies to build homes and improve their living conditions," Al Zamil announced.

He added that the bank will open branches in Hamad Town, Rifaa and outlying areas. Branches already exist on the Exhibition Road in Manama and in Muharraq.

"The Grindlays Bahrain Bank is also involved with other major banks on the island, in giving loans for major investment projects in Bahrain and abroad," Al Zamil said.

He described the bank's position as more than good, saying that the bank is expected to make big profits which will be announced during the board's meeting in December. He added that conditions of the bank's employees were very good and that the Bahrainiisation rate now stands at 95 per cent.

"By the end of the current year, we will upgrade our customer services by introducing the Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs), and this is part of our expansion plan," Al Zamil said.

Trade missions plan visits

HIGH-LEVEL foreign trade missions will visit Bahrain within the next couple of weeks, according to Jassim Al Shitti, director-general of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Al Shitti stated that an Australian trade mission will visit the island Monday through Wednesday. The group includes representatives of cargo, marine transport, construction and aluminium and marketing companies. The mission will also include a representative of the Australian Overseas Relations Bureau.

The chamber's director-general said a meeting would be arranged between the mission and members of the chamber to discuss trade relations between Bahrain, Canada and Australia.

Another trade mission from Cyprus will visit the island between Nov 22 and 25 to display Cypriot products at the Holiday Inn hotel. The exhibition, which will be held on Nov 23-24, will feature men's and women's garments, footwear, toys, food products, construction materials, heavy equipment and machinery and cargo services.

A Dutch trade mission will visit Bahrain Oct 31-Nov 2. The mission will include officials from companies engaged in a wide range of businesses like livestock, veterinary equipment, ceramics, tiles, cosmetic, poultry products, paper, stationery, electric appliances and confectionery.

Singers captivate audience

JAGJIT and Chitra Singh, the 'king and queen of ghazal' from India regaled a capacity sell-out crowd with their poetry of sheer beauty and grace in a concert at the Holiday Inn here Friday night.

In a non-stop two-hour musical extravaganza the couple gave a virtuoso performance and captivated the enthusiastic audience with some of the heart-rending songs of this 'aristocratic' music from the Mughal era.

The husband and wife duo lived up to their reputation as India's finest 'ghazal' songsters. It was a night to remember as connoisseurs of various nationalities were treated to entertainment of the highest class of artistry.

Jagjit and Chitra brought out the beauty of 'ghazal' in its finest tradition. Their rich voices touched every heart. Every song was rendered with the natural ease and perfection associated with genius.

It was not just another concert by this unique couple, performing in Bahrain for the first time, but an experience. The feeling that one was listening to one voice lingered throughout the show as both voices blended beautifully. It was evident that the singers were something special.

The couple sang some of their most popular numbers including the now classic 'Anista Anista'. There were some new compositions that were just as beautiful and profound as the old ones. As always, Jagjit and Chitra complimented each other perfectly.

The audience longed for the show to go on. Such is the magic of the art of Jagjit and Chitra.

Photo critic to lecture

AMERICAN photo critic Ben Litson will deliver three public lectures at the Regency Intercontinental Hotel beginning on Sunday.

The series is organised by the Bahrain Arts Society, in co-operation with the US Information Service in Manama.

Litson will lecture on contemporary American photography on Sunday, on the element of history in contemporary American photography on Monday and on expressive photography of works of art on Tuesday.

Litson teaches photography at Yale University and is director/professor of the graduate programme in photography at Bard College, New York.

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Perfect Strangers in action.

clapped as their favourite numbers were played. The audience also appreciated the choreography performed with the accom-

paniment of tape recorded music. (Pictures by Ahmed Al Burini)

Kapilku and Flassik celebrate their 7th anniversary

THE KAPISANANG Filipino Sa Kuwait (Kapilku) and the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flassik) will celebrate their seventh anniversary in Kuwait on October 28 at the Tent Room of the SAS Hotel.

The night's festivities will include dinner at 6:30 pm to be followed immediately by a cultural presentation featuring local talents.

According to the executive board of the Kapilku and Flassik, 1988 has been a very productive year for both associations. "This year started with an intensified membership drive for the Kapilku and an official listing of members for Flassik as well as the issue of their respective ID's. This was followed by a successful photography contest, an all new 3-month project which generated tremendous support not only from the members but from the leading photographic

companies in Kuwait as well. Flassik has their share of cooking classes which became too popular among cooking enthusiasts. This was held in a big local hotel in the suburb. The monthly 'Kumustahan' get-together afforded the less fortunate Filipinos easy access to their 'Kabayayan' (compatriots), and also gave them a chance to meet new friends. If success can be measured by the number of participants and audience it generates, then, definitely, the recently concluded 7th Annual Palangon Filipino (mini Olympics) tagged this year as 'Batakan Ng Buto '88 is a highly successful project.

"Of course we realize that all these social, cultural and sports projects will be meaningless unless we continuously provide assistance to Filipino destitutes in Kuwait. This is the primary

objective of Kapilku and Flassik this year and everybody can share by supporting their projects.

"A quarterly newsletter called Pinoy News not only serves as a voice but informs the Filipino community of the accomplishments and projects of Kapilku and Flassik from time to time. Anyone who wants to contribute to this newsletter can send article to the Editor-in-Chief."

"Aside from pursuing traditional as well as new projects for the benefit of the Filipino community, both associations have also supported a number of worthwhile projects in co-ordination with notable organisations. Last May, we supported the Kuwait-Manila Economic Council, in holding a Filipino food festival at the Meridien Hotel. Another support was extended to a local musical

talent variety show held in a city hotel."

"As we enter the last quarter of the year, though tiresome it may seem, we feel, we can still accomplish more. For this reason, Kapilku and Flassik have lined up more projects for 1988."

"As a reminder to all Filipinos in Kuwait, Kapilku is coming up with a computerized census and listing of all those working or residing in Kuwait. We are requesting those whose names are not yet in our computers to enlist now and become involved with the association's projects and enjoy its many benefits such as discounts from selected stores and other establishments. This master list shall be endorsed by the Philippine Embassy in December during the general meeting and election of the new set of officers for 1989.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4 - 6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6:30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim - 2627643; Dr Hyder - 5625456; Heron - 4893424.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7:30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel. Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Master Class
There are few places for the master classes given by pianist Thalia Myers. Suitable for experienced pianists or enthusiastic amateurs. 17th/18th October, 4-6 pm for 2 hours. Contact 5318060/1 if interested.

Piano Concert
Some tickets are still available for piano concert by Thalia Myers 19th/20th October 8 pm. Also available at box office on night of performances. Contact 5318060/1 if interested.

Flassik/Kapilku
OCT 22: SAS Hotel. The Tent, 6 pm: Kapilku and Flassik will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna - 6534200; Florence - 2439451; Jojo - 9039593.

Colva Nite
OCT 27: 8:30 pm. MBH: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Hall-oween pool party at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel. The Tent, 9:30 pm: The airline staff's first get-together; lavish buffet, music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto, Jazz Quartet. Contest, prizes and surprise. For details ring John - 2434313/24, Tony 2415439.

Rock the Night

SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer - 5740256/7.

Bob Marley night
STEVE MICHAEL and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica at the SAS Tent on Nov 4, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae.

SOCIAL

Philippine Bowlers Association
Next week schedules: Men's Division - Thursday, Oct 20 at 6:30 pm. Magnolia Ice Cream vs Satellite; Hatid Ligaya - Abughosh Int'l (Phil's Door to Door Service) vs Far East Restaurant Co.; Al-Naqeb & Khattar Co. (Door to Door Service) vs Kay & Associates Inc.

Women's Division
Friday, Oct 21 at 9:00 am, Far East Restaurant Co. vs Ged's Kay & Associates Inc.; Magnolia Ice Cream vs Boodai Aviation (Mabuhay Phil's Door to Door Service).

Kuwait Caledonians
OCT 19, 7:30 pm: The AGM will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel; business meeting only. Saint Andrews night will be on Nov 24 at Messilah Beach Hotel. For further details, telephone 5335082, or 3727691 ext. 253.

Kuwait Nomads R.F.C. Garden Fete
OCT 28: Messilah Beach Hotel, 12 noon - 4 pm. Admission: 500 fils. Lots of stalls, games and prizes to be won. Fun for all the family. Also coincides with 3rd Kuwait Off-shore Powerboat Race and Messilah Beach Henley on Thames Regatta day.

Navellim Youth Centre
Celebrating 2nd social get-together at Kuwait Regency Palace on Nov 17, with Stepping Stones band. For details tel: 2407360 after 3.30 pm.

Goa Cultural Association
DEC 8: Goa Cultural Association (S.U.F.A.), will hold their annual social evening at Kuwait Regency Palace.

Bengali Cultural Society
On the occasion of Bijoya, the society is organising a get-together/children performance at Mousetrap Theatre on

Saturday 22 Oct, 88 at 8 pm. For entry passes, contact organising committee.

HOTELS

At the Meridien
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At the SAS
AL BUSTAN: Friday brunch for families, 11.30 am to 3 pm. Robish duo Deshita and Feliks provide music. "Peacock Room" new Chinese food menu introduced by Chef Von Kwee Kiong. It features fried wonton, sauted diced chicken with cashew nuts and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet, music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandou Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.
Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday: a la carte dinner.

British Airways Cricket Week-end
Former test players Farokh Engineer and Don Wilson will play in two cricket matches at Ahmadi. Oct 21: BA vs Ahmadi XI - start 9.30 am. Oct 23: BA vs Great Britain Select - start 10.30 am. Admission is free of charge. All are welcome.

Daniella Tennis
CALLING all members of the Danish community to register for the forthcoming tennis tournament. Competition is open for players with all levels of skill - singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be played. Register between Oct 11 to Oct 18. Tel: Lene - 2544988, 8 am - 12 noon.

Boy's Own Club
OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 The Opening and Programmes Review
9.10 Sabah Al Khair (Good Morning)
9.15 Cartoon serial/Dab-doub, Part 7
9.45 News & Variety Show
10.00 Local Serial/ Darb AlZalaq, Part 12
10.45 News & Variety Show
11.00 Arabic serial/ AlZan-akalouni
11.45 News & Variety Show
12.00 Foreign variety show/ That's Incredible
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 Closedown
4.00 The opening and programmes review
4.15 World Via Satellite
4.45 Cartoon serial/Raad, Part 14
5.15 Tum Tek Wal Atfal (Tum Tek and the children)
5.30 Yonika
5.45 Variety Show
6.00 Daily Historical Serial/La Ilaha Ill Allah, Part 12
7.00 News in Brief
7.15 Official Advertisements, Airlines and Chemists

7.30 Variety Show
7.45 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt
8.30 Masa Al Khair (Good Evening)
9.00 The News
9.40 A Song
9.45 Arabic Serial/Al Raya Al Baydha, Part 10
10.45 Variety: Late Night Show
11.30 News in Brief
11.35 The World Via Satellite
12.05 Closedown

KTV 2

4.00 Opening and Holy Quran
4.09 Cartoon serial: Thundercats
4.30 Live telecast - opening match of this season's handball championship between Salmiya and Al-Kazmah clubs.
6.32 Fast Forward: a look at modern educational methods which recommend that children should learn to read before they start school.
7.00 Steel Riders: Sandra and Mike try to come to grips with life in a

new city but their efforts are hampered when police launches a hunt for their father.

7.30 Challenge: A report on a mountain expedition in South America.

8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: A stranger arrives in the town and gives financial help to the medical team. But when his turn comes to receive help, albeit of a different kind, he recoils.

9.30 Hooperman.
10.00 She is the Sheriff: The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.

10.30 Best-Seller: "Queenie." Based on a book by Michael Korda, it tells of an Anglo-Indian girl who overcomes prejudice to become a well-known actress in the West. Starring Kirk Douglas and Sarah Miles.

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Puccini and His World (ex 2nd Play of the Week: Murder in the Cathedral)
0100 News Summary (followed by Play of the Week: 2nd Murder in the Cathedral cont'd: 9th Heart of a Dog: 16th and 23rd A Moon for the Misbegotten - Paris 1 and 2)
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 A Choice of Verse
30 The Ken Bruce Show
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Prompt! (ex 23rd Just a min-ute)

0400 Newsweek
30 English songs/smiths (ex 2nd Sportsworld)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Lyrics and Lyrics
45 Letter from America
0600 Newsweek
30 Jazz for the Asking
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent
45 Words
50 Waveguide
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 The Pleasure of Yours
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Science in Action
40 (2nd only) Sportsworld

45 Americans in Europe (ex 2nd Sportsworld cont'd)
1000 News Summary followed by Short Story
15 Classical Record Review
30 Religious Service
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Puccini and His World (ex 2nd Play of the Week: Murder in the Cathedral)

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Geet Kahani
2100 Closedown

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OPINION

Arab world requires a North-South meeting

MEETINGS have been held between the so-called North and South, or rather, between the rich and poor countries.

They were held between heavily-indebted countries and their creditors or between countries searching for markets and others searching for money to purchase basic necessities, like food.

The meetings were held between peoples of different creeds and languages.

Here, in the Arab world, we also have North and South. Here too, we have rich and poor countries.

However, the cause of poverty in some Arab countries is due to their economic mismanagement and lack of initiative and direction in exploiting investment opportunities and other resources, whether in agriculture, tourism, minerals or other resources.

In rich Arab countries, people are living in luxury and searching for investment opportunities in America, Britain, Australia and other countries. They enjoy a good deal of legal stability and provide protection for foreign investments and respect foreigners coming to search for investment opportunities.

Such countries do not recognise regional feelings and do not approve of phrases like "Kuwaitisation" or "Saudisation" or "Moroccanisation" or any other such names — which are true obstacles to smooth investments in the Arab countries.

Thus, the Arab world requires a North-South meeting. As we have said before, what happened in Algeria is a case in point.

Algeria is a country rich in natural resources, but these remain unexploited. Why, may we ask, are these resources not utilised? The same scenario was enacted in Sudan when its people also revolted against starvation. How can we believe that Sudan is facing starvation? Another example is Egypt, which has opportunities — although different from those of Algeria and Sudan — but once again they remain unexploited.

Since 1952, the Arab world has been witnessing years of political fragmentation. All the slogans raised during the past 40 years have been political. We have linked our emotions to such political slogans.

When Arab leaders differ on issues, they hate each other and ask their people to follow suit. They also ask the people to love when the leaders love. Thus, we have made the Arab people part of our love-hate policy.

The Arab world has damaged its economy through political disputes. Therefore we really need an Arab North-South meeting in the form of an Arab summit in which Arab leaders put their personal differences aside and establish well-defined and stable economic co-operation.

Such co-operation should be founded on facts rather than on talk with empty political slogans.

It must be remembered that the people are aware and clever enough to recognise empty talk. They will revolt when their basic needs are not met.

We may be able to temporarily cool down the situation, but if their demands are not met soon enough, it will flare up once again.

An Arab North-South meeting has now become an urgent necessity through a well-organised and wise summit.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Egyptian becomes Nobel laureate

CAIRO, (Reuters): Naguib Mahfouz, the surprise winner of the 1988 Nobel prize for literature, became a literary force when he moved beyond traditional novels to realistic descriptions of Egypt's 20th century experience with colonialism and autocracy.

After a career marked more by political controversy at home than fame in the West, the 76-year-old Egyptian novelist was not expecting the announcement on Thursday that he was the first writer in Arabic to win the award.

"I did not know I was nominated for the prize. Who nominated me?" the newspaper Al-Ahram reported him asking when his wife woke him with the news during his afternoon nap.

Although the world's most prestigious literary award will give him 2.2 million Swedish crowns (\$390,000), money has not been the driving force in a prolific career of novels, short stories and film scripts.

"If the urge to write should ever leave me, I want that day to be my last," Mahfouz was quoted as saying in a recent interview.

His fame, which has influenced writers across the Arab world, rests on the controversial views that earned him the anger of military and religious officials in Egypt and other Arab governments abroad.

Born on Dec 11, 1911 in Cairo, the son of a civil servant, Mahfouz was the youngest son in a family of four sisters and two brothers.

He obtained his philosophy degree from Cairo University at the age of 23, at a time when many Egyptians had only a

primary education. He worked in the government's cultural section until retiring in 1971.

When he started the novel was still struggling to establish itself in a world where poetry had for centuries been the main field for Arab men-of-letters, and his first novels followed in the steps of his predecessors.

By 1944, he had published five books — three traditional historical novels drawing on the Pharaonic legacy, a collection of short stories and a book entitled "Ancient Egypt".

But fame came with his treatment of Egypt under the British occupation and then the autocratic rule of President Gamal Abdel Nasser following the 1952 revolution.

His book "New Cairo" published in 1945 switched to a realistic approach and began a trend that critics say started a new school of Arab writing. He wrote in simple prose, sometimes in semi-colloquial Arabic.

With a deep understanding of Egypt as a kingdom, he combined social criticism and psychological insight to portray living characters in popular quarters of Cairo.

Another four realistic works followed, bringing him fame and money.

He stopped writing between 1949 and 1956 while he observed the changes that saw the decline of the monarchy and the rise of the military under Nasser.

But he came back full force with a trilogy that covertly attacked the new Army rulers. In the three works, Mahfouz narrated developments in Egypt through the eyes of a middle class family over three generations.

Bush gave a confident performance

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Republican George Bush gave a solid and confident debate performance on Thursday night and seemed certain to have protected his lead over presidential rival Michael Dukakis in the Nov 8 election.

Neither man committed any obvious blunders in a somnolent and gentlemanly encounter in which political experts said Dukakis clearly failed to achieve the knockout he needed.

"I doubt very much if it changed anything," said George Reedy, former press secretary to Democratic President Lyndon Johnson.

"A no-knockout affair and that works to the detriment of Dukakis," said Republican strategist Pete Teely. Democratic strategist Brian Lund agreed that "the race remains where it was. It's going to be a burden for Dukakis to make up ground."

Bush entered the contest with a narrow, but persistent lead over the Massachusetts governor in opinion polls and a far wider advantage in the state-by-state electoral college votes that will actually determine the next president.

Opportunity
With less than four weeks and no debates left in the campaign, Thursday's session was widely regarded as the best remaining opportunity for Dukakis to persuade undecided and weakly committed voters that it was time for a change after eight years of Republican rule.

But an instant ABC News poll taken immediately following the debate said a group of 639 voters rated Bush the winner by a 49-33

per cent margin. Asked who they would vote for on Nov 8, the group chose Bush by 54-44 per cent.

And the vice-president made clear he would not risk his lead by engaging in any additional debates.

"The American people are up to here with debates," he declared, gesturing at his neck.

Bush's main goal was to avoid stumbles, solidify his own support with voters, and reiterate his contention that Dukakis is an ultra-liberal out of step with mainstream America on such issues as crime, taxes and national defence.

Relaxed
The initial indications were that Bush seemed to have achieved all three. Despite a reputation for verbal gaffes and awkwardness, he seemed relaxed and in command throughout.

Dukakis surprised many in the political community who expected him to come out with a hard slugging attack on the vice-president.

The Democrat seemed to bend over backwards to avoid the personal attacks that characterised the Sept 25 debate between the two. Polls rated Dukakis the better debater in that contest, but also said voters were turned off by his demeanor and found Bush the most likeable of the two.

In their previous encounter, Dukakis had suggested Bush was a liar by comparing him to Joe Isuzu, a television advertising character known for outrageous exaggerations.

Going into the debate, Duk-

akis aides said their man had to convince voters he was the sort of person they'd "like to invite over for a beer." It appeared that softening his image was uppermost in Dukakis's mind.

Dukakis had been expected to press Bush on his choice of Indiana Senator Dan Quayle for the second spot on the Republican ticket, a choice that now appears to have been a tactical mistake.

Polls say large numbers of Americans think the youthful Quayle is unqualified for high office and his presence on the ticket is costing the Republicans support.

But the issue, rated one of the Democrats' strongest, was touched on only briefly and Dukakis's criticism was far more restrained than in recent campaign speeches.

Disarmament
Bush used every opportunity to drive home his fundamental campaign message that Dukakis's views are too far to the left of the political spectrum and said his rival's opposition to a number of arms systems amounted to unilateral disarmament.

Dukakis, who has said the election is about competence, not ideology, seemed almost to plead for Bush to stop applying an ideological tag to him by asserting that the two men shared common American values.

"Let's get rid of labels," he urged at one point.

But polls show Bush's lead is in large part due to his ability to persuade Americans his rival is more liberal than they are.



By Arthur Spiegelman

NEW YORK, (Reuters): Barry Goldwater, who still delights in being thought of as the most ardent communist man in America, says he would like to fly to Russia and shake Mikhail Gorbachev's hand.

He means that literally — he wants to pilot the plane, shake hands with Gorbachev, tell him he's doing a great job and then go home without so much as a peek at Lenin's tomb or the Bolshoi ballet.

"I think this man may mark the beginning of a new Soviet Union," says the retired Senator from Arizona, adding that he has the State Department working to set up such a trip.

Lies
In the old days, the Russians took his strident criticism of communism "personally" and told US authorities that the ultra-conservative Republican would not be welcome.

The man who suffered a crushing defeat in the 1964 presidential contest against Democrat Lyndon Johnson, Goldwater at 79 has lost none of his bite, bile or ability to surprise.

He has just published "Goldwater," an autobiography that calls former presidents Richard

Goldwater wants to shake Gorbachev's hand

Nixon and Johnson liars and debates whether President Reagan was a liar or an incompetent in handling the Iran-Contra scandal.

In an interview with Reuters this week, Goldwater was emphatic in declaring that he has changed none of the opinions that made him one of the most controversial American politicians ever.

Incompetent
For example, he still thinks America should have dropped leaflets warning the North Vietnamese that if they didn't give up within three days, B-52s would bomb them back into the stone age.

Views like that helped sink Goldwater's 1964 run for the presidency even as they drew millions to his side and created a new ideological basis for the Republican Party — one that saw its triumph in the presidency of Ronald Reagan, an old Goldwater supporter.

In "Goldwater," he writes that he believes Reagan knew of the diversion of Iranian funds to Nicaragua's Contra rebels and if

he did not, he was incompetent in handling his duties.

"I am a man with prejudices," Goldwater says.

Despite his comments on Reagan, he is obviously prejudiced towards Republicans and refuses to join the hue and cry over George Bush's choice of Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his vice-presidential running mate.

"I am prejudiced. I am a close friend of Danny's mother and I was a good friend of his grandfather."

"He would not have been my pick if you asked me about Harry Truman as president. I'd have said he would have been a disaster. Now I think Truman is the best president we have had in a hundred years," Goldwater says.

"And you know why? — Because Truman would tell you something at 5 pm and then say the same thing in the morning. And if you asked, 'I'd have thought Lyndon Johnson would have made a great president. But he was one of the worst. Lyndon came to Washington without a penny in his pocket and left with \$40 million."

Italy to abolish secret voting

By Barry Moody

ROME, (Reuters): Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita's success in bundling through a fundamental reform of parliament is likely to transform Italian politics, stabilise the economy and further undermine the big Communist Party, political analysts said on Friday.

De Mita succeeded by a handful of votes on Thursday in forcing through a reform that will abolish virtually all secret voting in parliament.

Majority

Paradoxically, he did this with the support of his greatest rival, socialist leader Bettino Craxi, and in the teeth of vehement opposition from members of his own Christian Democratic Party (DC).

More than 50 rebel govern-

ment deputies, mostly Christian Democrats, took their last chance to vote against De Mita from the cloak of a secret ballot.

In the event he secured the required absolute majority by just seven votes — narrowly avoiding a crisis which could have forced his resignation and probably precipitated a general election.

De Mita, an obsessive card player, made the biggest gamble of his career on the vote, risking both his six-month-old coalition government and his leadership of the DC.

But his courage and achievement were hailed by Italian newspapers on Friday. "After 40 years of republic we are at the beginning of a new era," the uphill road is behind us," said the influential Corriere Della Sera in a front page editorial.

Ever since World War II, large

groups of rebel deputies known as "snipers" have continually ambushed governments from the shelter of the secret vote.

Their motivation has rarely been very principled. Frequently they have been aiming at sabotaging party rivals, earnings spinoffs from commercial lobbyists, or simply creating new jobs by forcing a change of government.

Undisciplined

The result has often been chaos and has played havoc with Italy's public finances. There have been 48 governments in four decades.

In the four-year legislature up to general elections in mid-1987, three governments lost 153 parliamentary votes.

De Mita's predecessor, fellow Christian Democrat Giovanni Goria, suffered 17 humiliating defeats in eight months.

Election in Soweto

By Greg Myre

SOWETO, South Africa, (AP): In Soweto, two of the most visible figures in this month's municipal election campaign are cartoon-character squirrels employed by the government to promote a high voter turnout.

The squirrels discuss the virtues of voting in daily print and television advertisements, part of the government's extensive "pro-democracy" campaign leading up to the segregated township-wide municipal elections on Oct 26.

Aside from government ads, there is little evidence of a pending election in Soweto, the country's largest municipality with an estimated 2.5 million residents.

The main issue here is not which candidate to vote for, but whether to vote at all.

Only about 20 per cent of eligible black voters went to the polls in the 1983 municipal elections. The government wants a higher

To vote or not to vote, is the question

turnout to bolster its argument that its gradual reform programme is winning the hearts and minds of the nation's 26 million black majority.

Nationwide, more than 2,000 black council positions are at stake in 253 municipalities.

"You can make it happen, vote Oct 26," say the huge government billboards plastered throughout the sprawling township outside Johannesburg.

"Boycott racist elections," says spray-painted graffiti on an abandoned building.

Crime
The government has made it a crime to call for an election boycott, punishable by either fine or imprisonment.

However, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other church leaders have openly defied the white-led government.

They say black participation in segregated political bodies only entrenches the government's apartheid policies of racial separation, which deny blacks a vote on the national level.

The government says it will not prosecute Tutu, but last month police detained Tom Mbabane, a relatively unknown Methodist minister in Soweto who allegedly advocated a boycott.

Others also have voiced their concern, like Jon Qwelane of Soweto, a black columnist with the Sunday Star newspaper of Johannesburg.

"I shall never vote for any institution whose success depends on the harassment, banning and imprisonment of hundreds of people whose only 'crime' is to disagree with the instruments of authority," he wrote.

Flood waters recede

By Sheila Tefft

DHAKA, Bangladesh: As flood waters recede in Dhaka, slogans have been going up on walls and signboards: "Smash the Farakka Barrage."

The Farakka Barrage is a dam built by India in the 1970s across the Ganges River that many Bangladeshis blame for their woes during summer floods and winter water shortages.

Ninety per cent of Bangladesh's water flow originates in India. This year, Bangladesh faced its worst flood in recent memory, as heavy rain and overflowing rivers submerged three-fourths of the nation.

And, like the waters, political tensions have run high. "The role of India is the main cause of this," says Muhammad Kamaruzzaman, an official with the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party in Dhaka. "By allowing India to build Farakka, our government and others in the region have failed."

Meanwhile, press reports in India say officials are baffled at Bangladesh's decision recently to return four Indian Air Force helicopters that have been helping with relief operations. India sees this as part of growing anti-Indian feeling that has brought new tensions to an old controversy: how to control water during rainy seasons and share it during the dry. The Farakka dam is now a political bogey here, symbolizing India's control over the rivers and thus this nation's economy.

Bangladesh wants India, China, Nepal, and Bhutan — all of which are spanned by the two rivers — to join in coming up with a co-operative approach to water management.

Pressure
India says the issue is only between itself and Bangladesh. But pressure from the United States, other Western nations, and the World Bank — which funds many such development projects — is mounting for a regional solution.

Asian and Western experts say that the problems defy easy solutions.

In the summer, when the region receives 80 per cent of its annual rainfall, the overflow spreads destruction. But with the

Bangladeshis blame Farakka Barrage

dry season comes drought.

The problem has been compounded by the silting up of rivers, caused partly by deforestation in the Himalaya mountains. The heavy rain sweeps large amounts of topsoil downhill. The silting reduces the river's capacity to handle heavy rainfall.

"There is a limit to what can be done," says Hamidur Rahman Khan, a water resources expert here. "Even if we had the (money) to build a labyrinth of protection systems, it would still not be enough."

Water experts say Farakka has little impact on flooding, though it does worsen Bangladesh's problems in the dry season. More annoying, Bangladeshis officials say, is India's refusal to consider a regional approach to building dams in Nepal to help control floods and store water.

India has long shunned regional talks, Western analysts say, because it wants to keep control over its own waterways and fears the influence of United States-dominated multilateral

organisations which would be likely to fund the projects.

Bangladesh has already rejected an Indian proposal to build three dams in India's northeast Assam State and a 200-mile canal to direct water from the Brahmaputra to the Ganges. Indian officials say they blame Bangladesh for failing to carry out flood controls of its own.

"A lot of myths have been built up..." says B.G. Verghese, an Indian water analyst who is writing a book on the dispute. "Bangladesh feels it is being affected by Farakka. And India fears other countries will gang up on it if it deals with the issue on a regional basis."

Western analysts say Bangladesh could do more. River dredging is inadequate and maintenance underfunded. With corruption widespread, observers say, officials would rather take on new projects, for which payoffs are common, than keep up existing structures.

The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1756 — British forces under Robert Clive march against Nawab of Bengal, India.
- 1793 — Marie Antoinette of France is beheaded.
- 1806 — War starts between Turkey and Russia.
- 1815 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte lands as exile on island of St Helena.
- 1834 — Britain's House of Parliament is almost destroyed by fire.
- 1900 — Britain and Germany sign Yangtze agreement to check aggression in China.
- 1916 — Allies occupy Athens, Greece, in World War I.
- 1940 — United States bans all shipments of steel and scrap iron to Japan.
- 1942 — Hurricane takes 11,000 lives in Bengal, India.
- 1949 — Civil war ends in Greece.
- 1951 — Pakistan's Premier Liaquat Ali Khan is assassinated.
- 1964 — China says it has tested its first nuclear bomb.
- 1970 — Anwar Sadat becomes president of Egypt, succeeding the late Gamal Abdel Nasser.
- 1978 — Cardinal Karol Wojtyla is elected Pope in conclave in Vatican, taking name John Paul II.
- 1987 — Captain Blaise Compaore tightens control over impoverished West African nation of Burkina Faso after coup that kills President Thomas Sankara.

Despite these efforts, turnout still is expected to be low in townships. Soweto Mayor Nelson Botile predicts up to 100,000 residents may cast ballots. That figure, considered optimistic by many, amounts to only an estimated eight per cent of the voting age population.

"In order to change the situation in South Africa we (blacks) must participate in the system so our voices can be heard," Botile said in an interview. "We must fight from the inside."

Homes
Botile said his job is to address only local matters such as housing and services. He says his accomplishments include the addition of thousands of new homes and the upgrading of roads.

The township governments have many of the same powers that white municipal governments have. However, the national police force and the military keep a tight rein on the townships' security.

Handwritten signature: محمد علي

By Patricia Morison

Artistic vandalism

FOURTEEN leaves removed from one of the most magnificent books ever made, the Houghton Shahnameh or "King's Book of Kings", came up for sale at Christie's recently.

These 16th-century leaves, brilliantly illustrated with Persian horsemen and sages, dragons and heroes, carry an estimated value of around £600,000.

But the jubilant sound of champagne-corks that popped in St James' do not hide one sad fact. The breaking up and selling of the Houghton Shahnameh is one of the worst acts of artistic vandalism perpetrated since the war.

The Houghton Shahnameh was commissioned in the 1520s by Shah Isma'il, the founder of the Safavid dynasty which established the Shiite branch of Islam as the state religion of Iran.

Isma'il was a brilliant general, a poet and an ecstatic, whose warriors laid aside their armor to follow him into battle. Yet like his rivals to the west, the Ottoman sultans, Isma'il was a deeply cultivated man.

The Shah wanted to give a present to his son, Prince Tahmasp, whom he had sent away to Herat at the tender age of two to learn such useful royal arts as luteplaying and executing prisoners.

There could be no more fitting present than a copy of the Shahnameh, a bloodthirsty epic poem by Firdausi. Its great hero, Rostam, with his beloved horse Rakhsh, found favour with our grandparents thanks to Matthew Arnold's poems.

The manuscript employed the empire's best paper-makers, gilders, painters, and scribes—calligraphy was rated as highly as painting.

Most of the artists can be identified only as Painter A, Painter B, and so on. However, three of the greatest artists are known: Sultan Muhammad, "Zenith of the Age", Mirza Ali, and Dust Muhammad, whose account of the painters of the day makes him the Persian equivalent of Vasari.

Leave painted by all three artists were included in the Christie's sale. One, by Dust Muhammad, shows the ruler Kay Kusrow talking to Rostam, clad in his leopard-skin

cap. It is a wonderful image of oriental refinement: on vivid flower-strewn grass, the musicians serenade their master. The tree is a special order from some Iranian equivalent of Apres's—made of gold, its emerald and ruby fruits perfumed the air with musk.

During his troubled reign (1524-1576), the art-loving Shah Tahmasp probably found comfort in his great book. On completion, it held 759 pages, with 258 miniatures. However, the needs of diplomacy prompted the Shah to present it to the Ottoman Sultan Selim II. Still in superb condition, the Shahnameh was bought by Baron Edmond de Rothschild in 1903. In 1959, it was sold to the man

whose name the Shahnameh now bears and who, ironically, destroyed it.

Arthur A. Houghton Jr was heir to the Corning glass fortune, a rich man who was—perhaps still is—a book-lover. Scholars certainly have reason to thank him for endowing the Houghton Library of manuscripts at Harvard.

Yet one can only marvel that this rich collector ordered the breaking up of the Shahnameh, and continues to place hunks on the market.

Early this century, collectors of manuscripts, Western and Islamic, quite commonly dismembered them. It is still common practice for run-of-the-mill manuscripts. But to split a

work like the Shahnameh passed comprehension. Nevertheless, in 1976, Christie's sold seven leaves. The market in Islamic art was at its peak; the sale raised £785,000 without premium.

The defence for Houghton's action is that by splitting a manuscript, the public can enjoy it. In a sense, it is true: Houghton did present 78 leaves to the Metropolitan Museum in New York. However, only two other leaves are in museums and therefore accessible.

Another 40 of those sold have gone to private collections. Houghton retains 133 leaves. If those were to be reunited with their fellows in the Met, it would be meagre reparation. But Shah Isma'il's noble conception has gone for ever.



An illustration from the Houghton Shahnameh, one of the most magnificent books ever made.

Hidden sketch by Michelangelo revealed

By Michael Binyon

AN unknown drawing by Michelangelo has turned up on the back of a drawing being prepared for an exhibition of his works in the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

The drawing—of an anguished, open-mouthed woman—was discovered by conservators at the Uffizi Museum in Florence on the reverse of Michelangelo's drawing, "Cleopatra". It was behind a thick paper backing glued to it in the 19th century.

Discovered in late August, the drawing was authenticated by scholars in September.

Experts have known since at least the 1950s of the existence of a drawing on the verso of "Cleopatra": an image was dimly visible when the work was held up to light. But it was not until conservators began cleaning the sheet in preparation for the Washington exhibition that the backing was removed.

Michelangelo drawings are extremely rare. The artist burned hundreds before his death in an attempt to obscure his



The newly-revealed draft sketch of an apparently terrified woman (left) compared with the finished version.



working procedures.

The new-found drawing, presumably a preliminary study for "Cleopatra", offers insights into the evolution of his ideas. It presents a figure markedly different in mood, from the saddened yet tranquil one on the recto, or front.

Both show an elaborately coiffed figure with locks of hair draped across her shoulders,

the head turned slightly down and to the side. But, while the finished "Cleopatra" is a smoothly drawn figure, the sketch is more dramatic and shows a woman with arched eyebrows, screaming as if in terror. Both drawings date from the 1530s.

Art historians say the discovery of works on both sides of a sheet happens quite

frequently. Several new works of Raphael's were found in a similar way five years ago when exhibitions were held to mark the 500th anniversary of his birth.

The history of "Cleopatra" is well documented. Michelangelo gave it as a present to his friend, Tommaso Cavaliere, the recipient of many other drawings by the artist.

He in turn presented it on a January 20 to Duke Cosimo I de Medici. "I send this drawing," he wrote, "so dearly beloved by men that I feel as though I am losing one of my sons."

Fifty years later, the drawing was given to Michelangelo's relative, Michelangelo Buonarroti the Younger, for display in the Florentine palace bought by the artist in his old age. It has remained there since, apart from a 25-year loan to the Uffizi.

The Washington exhibition opening at the weekend will be an important showing of many of the artist's works. The Royal Library at Windsor has loaned 10 drawings for the exhibition from the Queen's collection.

By Carolyn Oxley

MADRID: Spain's Prado, one of the world's largest art museums, is severely cramped for space—and a fabulous collection of paintings destined for Madrid has aggravated its problem.

Spaniards were delighted when Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza chose to bring half of his extremely valuable private art collection to Madrid on a 10-year loan.

But the collection is to be housed in the Villahermosa Palace, which Prado officials had set their hearts on to solve their space dilemma. The palace is just over the road from the Prado, and there are no other suitable buildings nearby.

The Prado, which boasts a renowned collection of Flemish and Spanish masters including Rubens, Hieronymus Bosch, Velazquez, Goya and El Greco, has about 1,500 paintings in storage because it has no room to display them.

"I fear the paintings in the

Thyssen art collection puts a strain on Spain's museums

storeroom will be there for a long time," Prado spokesman Damaso Santos said.

The museum's directors had spent the best part of this century trying to acquire the Villahermosa Palace following the death of its owner, the Duke of Villahermosa, Santos said.

A spacious 18th-century building, it was bought by the state in the 1950s and would have been the ideal extension for the Prado.

"We could have put all the paintings we wanted to there," Santos said.

But Baron Thyssen, a 67-year-old Swiss industrialist, put an end to their "dream" when he signed an agreement with the Spanish government in May to bring half of his private art collection—which includes 19th and 20th century works by Van Gogh, Cezanne, Picasso

and Toulouse-Lautrec and paintings by old masters including Rubens and Tintoretto—to Spain for 10 years.

The collection, due to come to Spain sometime next summer when work on the Villahermosa is finished, will turn Madrid into one of the foremost art centres in the world.

Thyssen decided the Villahermosa was the ideal home for his paintings. He said when he signed the deal that the "magnificent palace" was a major factor in his decision to bring the collection to Spain.

Ironically, part of its appeal was its proximity to the Prado and its two million visitors a year.

Newspapers and politicians rejoiced at the deal, which ended more than a year of speculation as to where the

Baron would move it from its current home in his lakeland residence in Switzerland.

But Prado director Alfonso Perez Sanchez criticised the move, saying the loss of the palace was "alarming" for the museum and that Thyssen's collection could have been housed in a different building, such as the Functional Royal Palace.

Although Thyssen is bringing only 500 to 600 paintings to Madrid, the contract grants him exclusive use of the palace, so the Prado could not even share it.

And finding another possible home for the excess paintings is a tough problem for the culture ministry.

Ideally, Santos wants a building near the Prado itself to make it easier for visitors to see everything at once.

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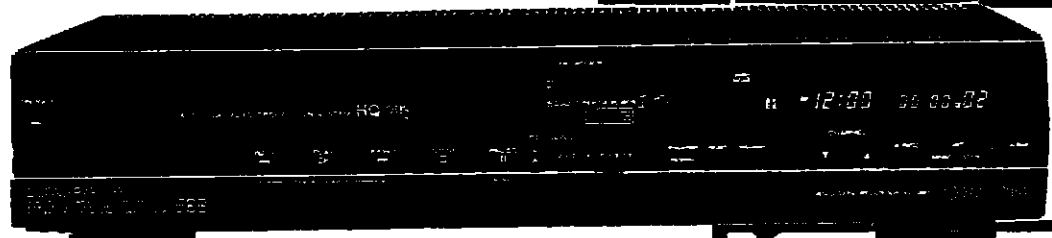
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PEOPLE

By John King

BROOKLINE. Massachusetts (AP): Never one to mince words, Kitty Dukakis has been particularly outspoken at times when questioned about her Jewish faith or world events affecting the illegal Jewish state of Israel.

The wife of Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis was quick to express her outrage when Pope John Paul II embraced Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who was accused of complicity in Nazi war crimes.

On the other hand, she hasn't been afraid to criticize Israeli efforts to force Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel instead of the United States.

Forcefully

Most recently, she spoke forcefully when asked about the resignations of a handful of volunteers and a ranking George Bush adviser who were mentioned in allegations of anti-Jewish activities. One volunteer who resigned had praised a researcher who has denied the existence of the Holocaust during World War II.

"For anyone to suggest the Holocaust was a hoax is very painful," Mrs. Dukakis said. "Six million Jews and millions of others lost their lives. ...one has to wonder why these people were attracted and recruited to the campaign of my husband's opponent."

The prospect of being the nation's first Jewish first lady is not lost on Katharine Dickson Dukakis.

She returned to Brookline recently from a trip to Rhode Island so she could spend the holiest of Jewish holidays, Yom Kippur, at home. She attended Temple Israel in Brookline before returning home for the traditional fast.

She has been an active and aggressive campaigner for her husband and referred to her faith frequently during appearances before the primary in New York, where Jews are an important voting bloc. She traces her vigorous lobbying on behalf of refugees from around the world to the lessons of the Holocaust.

"I feel a great deal of pride in my ethnic and religious background," Mrs. Dukakis, leaning back in her chair and breaking into a broad smile, said in a

Kitty Dukakis: 'I'm fiercely proud of my Jewish faith'



Kitty and Michael Dukakis wave to their supporters during a campaign rally.

recent interview at her home.

She said at the outset of the campaign she feared she would encounter anti-Semitism but has said since that that hasn't happened. But both she and her Greek Orthodox husband have been criticized by conservatives for their interfaith marriage.

The Dukakis have said little about the criticism. Their children, John, born during Mrs. Dukakis' first marriage, and daughters Andrea and Kara, observe the holidays of both the Jewish and Greek Orthodox faiths with their parents.

But in other public statements, Mrs. Dukakis has said she is "fiercely proud" of her faith and also has promised to host a Passover seder in the White House if her husband is elected president.

Mrs. Dukakis is the daughter of Harry Ellis Dickson, associate conductor of the Boston pops orchestra, and the late

The prospect of being the United States' first Jewish First Lady is not lost on Katharine Dukakis. She has promised to hold a 'passover seder' in the White House if her husband is elected.

Jane Goldberg Dickson, who met her future husband when both were studying music and the arts in Berlin prior to World War II.

They left Germany as Hitler was coming to power. While she was raised in a Jewish home in a predominantly Jewish community, Mrs. Dukakis has said she did not come to fully appreciate her heritage until a 1976 visit to Israel and the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

"That visit changed everything for me," she recently told Haolam Hazeh, a Jewish weekly newspaper. "I was brought up on this memory but I don't think I understood the full significance until I visited Yad Vashem."

Mrs. Dukakis was a member of a presidential commission on the Holocaust until 1986, when President Ronald Reagan declined to appoint her to a new term.

By Victor L. Simpson

VATICAN CITY. (AP): Pope John Paul II is so well travelled that people talk more about where he hasn't visited, rather than where he's already stopped.

Since he set out for the Dominican Republic and Mexico three months after assuming the papacy 10 years ago, John Paul has made 39 foreign pilgrimages, reaching 72 countries.

Easily the most travelled pope in history, he has flown some 597,000 kilometres. That's like travelling from the earth to the moon, and more than halfway back.

But if he has visited every continent except Antarctica, he has yet to visit a number of key spots. They include the Soviet Union, China, Cuba and the Holy Land.

South Africa has also not been on the Pope's official itinerary, though he stopped there briefly on his African tour in September when bad weather closed in the airport in Lesotho. The Pope said the time wasn't ripe to visit South Africa, but that he wanted to make a regular visit there someday.

Early in his pontificate, John Paul described himself as a messenger who would travel the world to see his flock. He has kept his word, far surpassing Pope Paul VI, the first jet-age pontiff, who became known as the "apostle on the move."

Paul made nine overseas trips between 1964 and 1970 when, weary and 72, he halted

John Paul II, most-travelled Pope

Around the world in ten years



Pope John Paul II: celebrating 10 years of his accession to the papacy

all foreign travel.

John Paul has made nine trips to Latin America alone, reflecting the importance the Vatican attaches to a region expected to contain half the world's Roman Catholics by the turn of the century.

He has also paid four visits to Africa, where the church has been gaining converts, as well as three pilgrimages to his native Poland and two to the United States.

Central

The trips are central to John Paul's papacy. He has bristled at suggestions he should spend more time at the Vatican (Vatican statistics say he has been away for less than 8 per cent of his pontificate) or that the trips cost too much.

He chose a bishops' conference in Mexico, on his first trip, to turn his back on Marxist-inspired liberation theology. He influenced the mood of his fellow Poles during his 1979 pilgrimage to Poland, which helped lead to the birth of the Solidarity free trade union. He expounded church teachings in the United States in 1987, saying dissent was incompatible with being a good Catholic.

The Pope is travelling this week to Strasbourg, France, and will visit Scandinavia next year.

John Paul's hopes of visiting

the Soviet Union have not yet been realized. He has disclosed that he's been prevented from visiting Lithuania, a Soviet stronghold of Roman Catholicism.

The Holy Land is another

delicate case. Paul VI made a whirlwind visit to Israel and Jordan in 1964, but that was three years before Israel forcibly occupied predominantly Arab east Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 war.

By Rod Chaytor

50-year-old rock 'n' roller Jim Tenant's wife gave him an ultimatum: "Choose me or Elvis Presley."

Jim chose Elvis — so Joan divorced him.

Joan, 46, had put up with Jim's obsession for 19 years.

The final straw came when jobless Jim 50, announced he was changing his name by deed poll — to Elvis Presley.

"Life became unbearable listening to Elvis records every minute of the day," said Joan. "He covered every spare inch of space with Elvis posters and pictures. He filled our flat with Elvis books, Elvis cushions and Elvis statues."

Wife's ultimatum to obsessed husband

Choose me or Elvis ...

"There was even an Elvis picture staring at me in the bathroom. You couldn't move without bumping into Elvis. In the end I had to say enough was enough. It got too much for me and I moved out."

Now Joan and their three children live just round the corner in Wolverhampton from Jim's Elvis shrine — the council flat he named Graceland after Elvis's home in Memphis.

Jim said: "I've been an Elvis fan for 30 years. He's my idol."

"Even though he's cost me my marriage, there's no way I could give him up. Elvis is my life. He's the greatest."

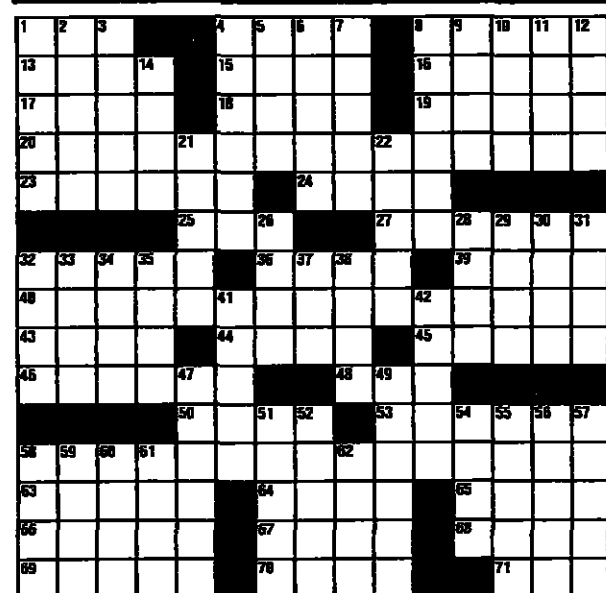
"I can understand why Joan divorced me. After all those years of me playing Elvis records day and night she'd had enough. I used to talk about Elvis all the time and it got Joan on edge."

Now Jim, who changed his name six weeks ago, has a new goal — to visit the real Graceland.



50-year-old Elvis fan: gave his wife up for Elvis

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A954 ♥763 ♦Q74 ♣KJ5
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

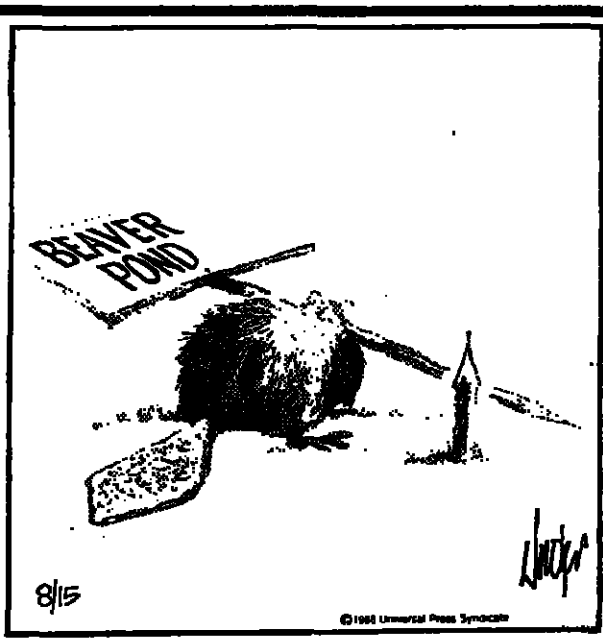
Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A954 ♥763 ♦Q74 ♣KJ5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠74 ♥K8 ♦AQJ65 ♣K93
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠74 ♥K8 ♦AQJ65 ♣K93
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
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What do you bid now?

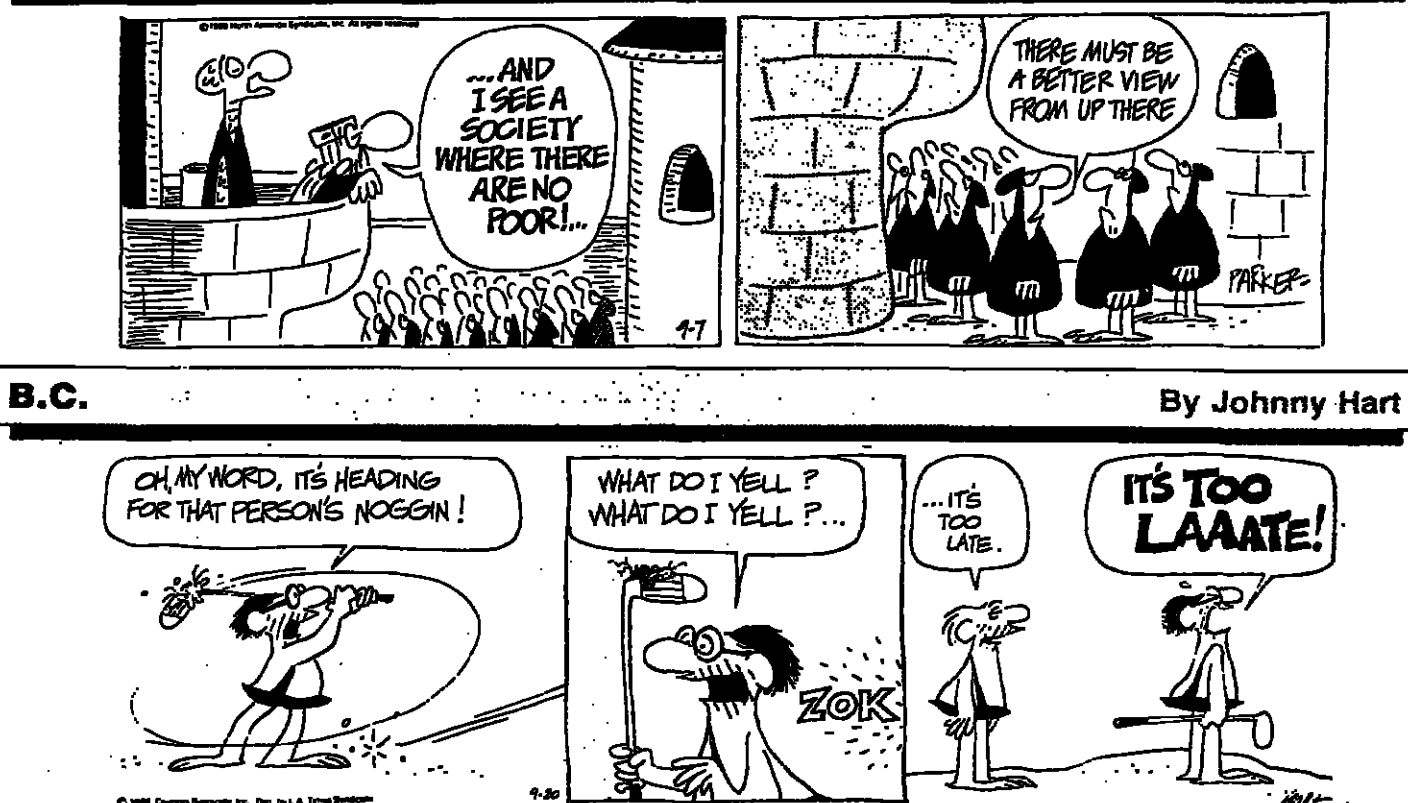
Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J3 ♥Void ♦QJ109754 ♣J842
As dealer, what action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K10632 ♥76 ♦KJ92 ♣62
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?



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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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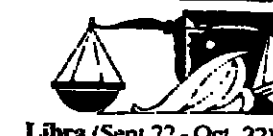
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel more sure of yourself. You ought to take just a little more regular exercise. Do not allow yourself to fall into lazy habits. Be generous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will continue to be a subject to mixed influences. You should spend a little more time tidying up. Make sure you do not drive too long or fast. Be magnanimous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

The moon's better influence will help you to be more acute. You will be able to do something very much to your liking. You will not always be in the best moods. Be resilient.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The influences are mixed and you should not do anything silly. Try to discuss things before making up your mind. And do take note of other people's opinions. Be moderate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to do something to improve your private life. Some good advice should be taken. Make sure you do not eat or drink more than you know you should. Be consistent.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

This is quite a good period for you but you must not take too great risks. You should try to adapt yourself to circumstances. Do not give up at the slightest encounter of a difficulty. Be moderate.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. You should not expect others to love you more than you love in your turn. Try to do something a little different. Be cordial.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Do not allow yourself to be motivated by prejudice or resentment. You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Try also to keep things simple. Be considerate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

A problem you thought had been solved will tend to re-emerge. It will do you good to talk frankly with a friend. Avoid watching too much television. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to make good but not too rapid progress. You should use a little more common sense and show a bit more goodwill. Venus' influence will help you to deal with a personal problem. Be less solemn.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The moon's influence will help you to do the right thing. You will be able to deal with a problem that has been bothering you. Others will be more to your liking. Be more frugal.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

The moon's less favourable influence will tend to create complications for you. You will however feel more sure of yourself. You should take a little better care of your health. Be tactful.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait and Egypt to expand economic ties

KUWAIT, Oct 15, (KUNA): Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khalid today said Kuwait and Egypt had agreed to reconsider an agreement on the movement of capital and investments, signed between the two countries in 1966 to cope with the economic developments.

Al Khalid who returned here last night from Cairo told KUNA that the new agreement was meant to expand and encourage the volume of investment between the two countries particularly for the private sector.

In this connection he said the Kuwaiti side had presented a draft agreement in order to encourage capital and investment prior to the agreement.

He said the two sides reviewed the trade protocol in 1964 and decided to extend it or sign a new agreement if the need arises.

The minister said the two sides stressed the need to establish a permanent Egyptian trade centre in Kuwait. He said Kuwait had promised to provide the required assistance.

Al Khalid said during his six-day visit to Cairo, he held talks with President Hosni Mubarak and other senior officials on economic affairs of mutual concern.

Al Khalid was there for the third Islamic trade conference which was inaugurated by President Mubarak on Oct 10.

President Mubarak who visited the Kuwaiti pavilion expressed his appreciation over Kuwait's industrial development.

Maltese hotel charges to rise by 50pc

VALLETTA, Oct 15, (Reuters): Hotel charges on the tourist island of Malta will increase by about 50 per cent next year, sources close to the Tourism Ministry said on Thursday.

Officials said nearly 750,000 tourists, including 450,000 Britons, visited Malta last year, earning it about 115 million lire (\$340 million).

The sources said a single room with bed-and-breakfast in a four-star hotel will cost 13 lire (\$39) from January 1, 1989, up from 8.90 lire (\$27) now.

Bed-and-breakfast at a one-star hotel will rise to six lire (\$18) from 3.90 lire (\$12).

The last price rise for the 130 hotels on Malta and nearby Gozo was in 1981.

The Tourism Ministry is also changing hotel classification to the international five-tier system from its own seven-tier structure.

Cunard Ellerman tries to strengthen operations in the Gulf

Shipping industry gathers momentum

By M.C. Bose

THE shipping industry has been gathering momentum following the ceasefire in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war. Shipping experts foresee a remarkable upturn and bright prospects for shipping, particularly in the Gulf region.

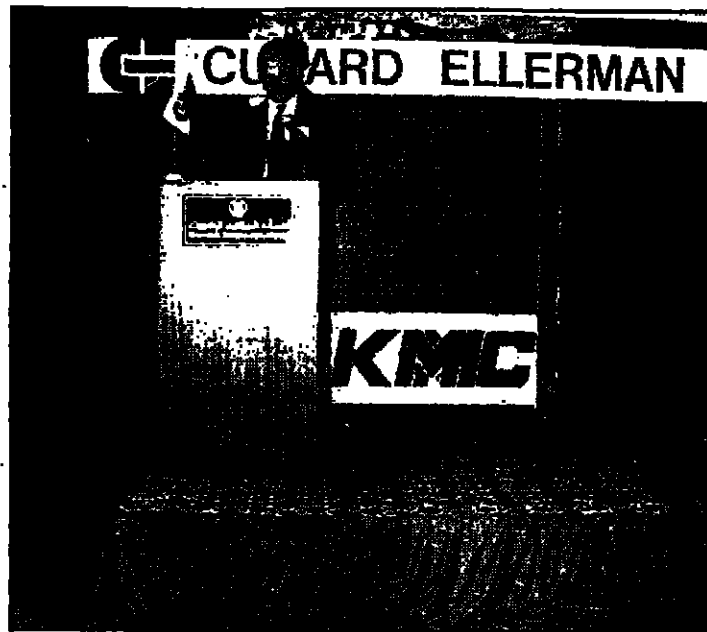
An internationally known shipping executive said last week that shipping is taking a turn for the better and the next decade will be an exceptionally remarkable one for the global shipping industry. He said the trend appears to be breaking new ground.

Commitment

Anthony R.C.B. Cooke, chairman of the leading British shipping line Cunard Ellerman, has said: "We have an ongoing commitment to serve the Arabian Gulf. Cunard Ellerman's association with the Gulf dates back to the beginning of this century, when its vessels first began to operate the region's ports."

Cooke was in Kuwait on a two-day visit last week. He met a number of shipping experts including top Kuwaiti businessmen and investors.

He also hosted a reception in association with Ellerman's local



Anthony Cooke addresses the meeting.

agent, Kuwait Maritime and Mercantile Company. The Kuwait company's general manager P.A. Whyman-Morris, shipping manager Alastair J.A. Roff and other senior officials also attended the reception.

Cooke told the Arab Times Ellerman is one of the first shipping lines to introduce container-

isation, an innovation which gave new impetus to development of cargo transportation throughout the Gulf. "Our container services cover all continents of the world and have earned a reputation for efficiency through the careful use of high technology coupled with responsive customer service and advanced

documentation systems," Cooke added.

Cunard Ellerman was formed last year following the purchase of Ellerman Lines by the Trafalgar House Group and its merger with Cunard Cargo. He said the merger has brought together two firms which have a long association with the Middle East. This tradition has been strengthened by the new and greater resources of the combined organisation.

Slight

Since the turn of the century, the "city" ships have been a familiar sight in ports throughout the Arabian Gulf. "During that time we have operated regular cargo services to and from this influential market, making an important contribution to the rapid development of the region's economy and to the expansion of international trade," Cooke said.

Fleet

Trafalgar House is a major British conglomerate with 150 subsidiaries worldwide and a wide range of interests, including commercial and residential property, construction and engineering, shipping and leisure, oil and gas.

Its leisure division includes Cunard Line which operates the

world's most highly rated cruise fleet, headed by the QE-2. It also operates luxury hotels including the Ritz in London.

Several Trafalgar House companies, including Cementation International, which built the Sultan Qaboos University Hospital in Oman are also equally involved in other major Middle East projects.

Cunard Ellerman's operations cover the world's major trading routes including Europe, North America, the Far East and Australia.

Recently the company placed an \$8.4 million worth order for more than 3,000 new containers and it is one of the pioneers of electronic data interchange.

Links

Cooke said international shipping lines which have been maintaining links with this region must have lost about 50 per cent of their business in the entire area during the Gulf war.

"We have been making significant efforts to strengthen our operations in both countries since the peace was restored," he said. He did not elaborate on the nature of operations in Iran and Iraq. He said war risk insurance premium on Gulf shipping has not been reduced much since the ceasefire was declared.

Plan to construct power plant

RIYADH, Oct 15, (Reuters): A Saudi company has been given the go-ahead to construct a \$1 billion power station in Karachi, a Pakistani embassy official said.

He said the deal had been approved by the Pakistani government and the Saudi-owned Xel Company had received a letter of intent to build the 1200-megawatt oil-powered plant.

When completed, power from the plant will be sold to the Karachi Water and Power Development Authority.

No date has been set for start of construction.

Turkish bank counter-attacks to save lira

ISTANBUL, Oct 15, (Reuters): Turkey's Central Bank launched a two-pronged attack to save the lira today and forced an 8.96 per cent revaluation of the currency against the dollar.

Bankers set an official dollar rate of 1,728 lira at a Central Bank fixing late today after a week-long plunge in the lira's value that had tested lows of below 2,000.

The government kept up a stream of measures aimed at curbing the cause of the lira's woes, a burgeoning budget deficit and inflation that hit an annual 81.8 per cent at the end of September.

"We have very serious measures to take. Maybe it will be ugly. Maybe there will be crises," Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told reporters in some of his toughest comments to date.

Steps

"We are taking lots of steps to curb inflation... in this issue, I am extraordinarily determined," Ozal said.

The Central Bank intervened heavily on the interbank market today, selling \$150 million at prices as low as 1,720 lira, officials said.

The effects spread quickly to an officially-tolerated black market in the Istanbul bazaar.

where the lira/dollar rate slumped to 1,885 from Thursday's close of 1,940.

"Nobody's buying foreign exchange, prices are tumbling," said one bazaar dealer.

Rates

The Central Bank simultaneously hit Turkey's monetary brakes hard, sending overnight lira lending rates to 320 per cent at one point compared to 68 per cent on Thursday.

"This is not economics, this is Beirut," said one banking source following measures implemented since Tuesday, by when the lira had dropped by about 10 per cent in a week.

Senior Central Bank official Yaman Toruner told Reuters the

government planned to reduce M-2 money supply by about five per cent as part of the lira support operation.

The 1,000 billion lira (\$550 million) drawdown by November 4 will come from sharp hikes in mandatory import deposits and reserve ratio requirements, Toruner said.

Measure

Ozal's major measure to support the lira — with which the government buys much of the currency to service Turkey's foreign debt — was Tuesday's freeing of deposit interest rates.

Banks announced new rates today ranging from 70 to 85 per cent for the key one-year deposits, up from a ceiling of 64

per cent set in August.

Local investors sold dollars, gold and shares. The Istanbul stock exchange index plunged below 400 for the first time this year, closing at 390.34, 12.26 per cent down on the week.

Some bankers worry that the new interest rates will bring not only difficulties for industrial borrowers but for banks themselves, some of which have dangerously high levels of non-performing loans.

"Let everyone use his brain and look for a trustworthy bank," Ozal said. "We are not going to save anyone who sinks."



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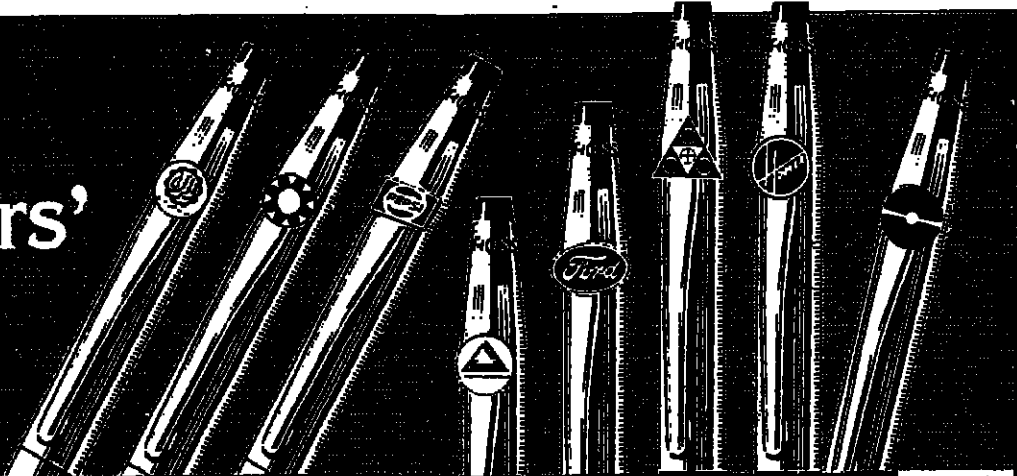
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World Business Summary

Arab investors to discuss ways to expand markets

KUWAIT, Oct 15, (Reuters): More than 600 Arab businessmen and investors will discuss ways to expand fledgling Arab financial markets at a conference in Tunis next month, an official said.

Maamoun Ibrahim Hassan, director-general of the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (IIGC), told Reuters today the fourth Arab businessmen's and investors' conference from November 5-8 would also discuss co-operation between traditional and Islamic banks in financing development projects. The conference is jointly sponsored by IIGC, the Arab League and the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce. "There are now limited financial markets in the Arab world operating on their own. The idea is to open them up for inter-Arab investment," Hassan said. This would include allowing cross-border investment in Arab stock markets, he added. Hassan said the climate for inter-Arab investment had improved vastly since Arab businessmen last met in Kuwait in 1986 because of a ceasefire in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war and general international political détente. "The cost of the war has been great, and its end might release a lot of resources for investment," Hassan said. "Iraq itself has great absorptive capacity for investment." Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Mohammed Ali Abal-Khalil is to be a guest speaker. Participants are also to discuss legal, financial and political obstacles to inter-Arab investment. Past such conferences agreed to set up the Bahrain-based Arab Agricultural Investment Company and the Morocco-based Arab Fisheries Investment Company.

Japan's trade surplus rises 4.3pc

TOKYO, Oct 15, (AP): Falling oil prices helped boost Japan's trade surplus to \$7.7 billion in September, an increase of 4.3 per cent from the previous year and a whopping 56.9 per cent from the previous month, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday. But Japan's trade surplus with the United States declined falling to \$4.6 billion from \$4.9 billion a year earlier, it said. Japan's exports during September rose 13.6 per cent from a year earlier to \$23.1 billion, while imports increased 18.9 per cent to \$15.3 billion, the ministry said. In August, Japan's trade surplus registered \$4.9 billion, while in September 1987 it was \$7.4 billion. After declining for 15 months from year-earlier levels, the country's trade surplus reversed direction in July, causing concern among officials that a resurgence in the imbalance could result in increased trade friction. But ministry officials said it was too early to determine whether the increases would continue. "We think it's going to go up and down for a while," said a ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The officials said the value of imports had been held down by declining world oil prices. Crude imports fell 29.9 per cent in value in September from a year earlier to \$1.2 billion, the ministry said. In the past several months, the US dollar has been stable against the yen, reportedly helping to drive up Japanese exports. But this week, the yen began rising rapidly, potentially making Japanese products more expensive and therefore less competitive overseas. If oil prices remain low, the officials said, imports likely will stay down, resulting in larger trade surpluses. "But if the yen goes up against the dollar, that would curb exports and increase imports," one official said. "So a lot depends on how those things will change in the future." Manufactured goods accounted for 51.5 per cent of all imports during the month, surpassing 50 per cent for the first time and reflecting the decrease in oil imports, the ministry said.



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Otaiba stresses need for non-OPEC co-operation

Sheikh Ali, Nazer discuss weak oil prices

RIYADH, Oct. 15. (Agencies): Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer discussed weak world oil prices with his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa ahead of a meeting of Gulf Arab oil ministers.

The official Saudi Press Agency said the two ministers met on Friday night after Sheikh Ali arrived in Riyadh for a brief visit on his way from Tunis.

Oil ministers of the six-member Gulf co-operation Council (GCC) are due to meet in the Saudi capital tomorrow to co-ordinate policies before a joint meeting of OPEC's price and strategy committees in Madrid on Thursday.

The GCC groups OPEC members Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates with non-OPEC Gulf producers, Bahrain and Oman.

Crude prices jumped 45 to 55 cents on Friday after Iran's military leader Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said he favoured co-operation within OPEC with Gulf Arab states.

"If we quarrel, the situation

will remain as it is now. Why should oil sell at \$10 or \$11?" he said in Tehran.

OPEC's official benchmark price is \$18 a barrel but prices have fallen sharply during the past few weeks on reports of overproduction by several members of the organisation.

However, prices this week gained more than \$1.50 a barrel amid signs OPEC might begin to mop up the present glut.

Unconfirmed rumours in American futures markets that OPEC secretary-general Subroto would soon call for production cuts have also helped reverse the bearish trend.

Meanwhile, the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates issued a brief statement today stressing that oil producers outside OPEC should co-operate with the organisation.

Minister Mana Saeed Otaiba, in a statement carried by the official government news agency, WAM, said he "affirmed the importance of co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC at this stage in particular."

He added that "such co-operation will have positive effects in bolstering the price of oil and achieving stability of the world oil market."

WAM's report said Otaiba's statement followed a meeting with Norway's ambassador about current oil-market conditions and the issues of co-operation. Norway in the past has taken limited steps to co-operate with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in bolstering world oil prices.

The news agency's report did not say whether any specific co-operation efforts were discussed. Oil prices have recovered slightly after dropping to around \$10 a barrel earlier this month.

Otaiba's statement came on the eve of the meeting with his counterparts in the Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman to line up a common strategy on the oil situation ahead of OPEC meetings.

Omani Oil Minister Saeed Al Shanfari, in statements published in Muscat today, affirmed that his country "has played and

is still playing a role" in co-operating with OPEC in defence of the \$18 per barrel oil price that OPEC seeks.

Shanfari told the newspaper Oman that the oil price issue was "the issue of the hour for oil producers whether they be inside or outside OPEC." Like Otaiba, he stressed the need for co-operation between the two sides.

Shanfari also referred to "disappearance of a number of political problems and hurdles that always used to threaten OPEC," saying that this represents an important factor in regaining stability on the world oil market.

He was referring to the UN-sponsored ceasefire and peace talks in the 8-year Iran-Iraq war. Both Iraq and Iran are members of the organisation and both ignored OPEC's production quotas and pricing policy in using their oil to finance their war effort.

Oil futures prices soared again on Friday in reaction to speculation that OPEC oil producers would reach an agreement on production cuts at meetings this

coming week.

The November contract for West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of US crude, rose 71 cents on Friday to settle at \$14.92 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Since Tuesday, the November contract has leaped \$1.37 a barrel, reflecting a sharp turnaround in the mood of the market.

A proposal on the table would cut production by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to between 18.5 million and 19.5 million barrels a day, said Peter Beutel, assistant director of the energy group at Elders Futures Inc.

Oil traders pushed prices so high in anticipation of an OPEC accord that if one fails to materialise, prices could fall back quite rapidly, analysts said.

The heaviest buying on Friday was by traders who had speculated on a decline in prices and were forced to bail out when the market turned against them, said Jayne Ball, a trader and analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Saudi American Bank opens investment firm in Geneva

RIYADH, Oct. 15. (Reuters): Saudi American Bank, the kingdom's largest joint venture, has set up a wholly-owned investment company in Geneva, bank officials said today.

They said the new firm, Samba Finance S.A., had a paid-up capital of \$4.87 million (\$1.3 million) and would focus on private banking, trade finance and portfolio management.

"With our new Geneva company, we will be able to offer our customers in the kingdom a full line of services around the world," a Samba official said. "We will also use the network to promote trade and investment to and from the kingdom."

The new company began operating on October 1 with a staff of 10. Banking sources said Samba had to settle on an investment company rather than a full branch due to Swiss banking reciprocity laws.

Samba is expected to open a representative office in New York soon, adding to existing branches in London and Istanbul.

The bank — which is 40 per cent owned by Citibank and 60 per cent by Saudi shareholders — said on Thursday its net profit for the first nine months of 1988 had nearly tripled to 174 million riyals (\$46.4 million).

35 Malaysian firms to take part in Malaysia Week trade fair

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 15. (KUNA): Thirty-five Malaysian companies will take part in a "Malaysia Week" exhibition in Dubai, Kuwait and Jeddah, beginning on Monday to promote the export of Malaysian manufactured goods in West Asian market.

Among the items to be promoted are garments, furniture, canned food, cooking oil, cordial roofing tiles, detergent, paper products, electronic items, rubber-moulded and tube products, safety and industrial footwear, palm oil, fruits and pepper, timber products, leather and rubber products.

The Malaysian Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz told KUNA here today she is hoping the exhibitions will receive encouraging response from the public and private sectors in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Jordan devalues currency

AMMAN, Oct. 15. (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank aligned its exchange rates for the dinar broadly with the free market today, chopping 10 per cent off the dinar's value against the dollar.

The Central Bank said in a statement its action was designed to unify foreign exchange rates and promised to intervene whenever necessary to stabilise prices. It posted a new rate of 420 fils to the dollar, compared with 378 fils on Thursday. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar. Markets are closed on Friday, the Muslim holiday.

Moneychangers quoted rates valuing the dinar about five per cent lower than the official rate, which they need not follow. On Thursday, there was a gap of about 11 per cent.

Banking sources said the Central Bank, in consultation with leading commercial banks, would set daily rates binding on the banks based on an assess-

KUWAIT						
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-NATIONAL BANK	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	25000	
-GULF BANK	0.425	0.425	0.425	0.425	100000	
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.320	0.315	0.315	0.315	20000	
-AHLI BANK	0.380	0.375	0.375	0.375	300000	
-B.K.M.E	0.395	----	----	----	----	
-K.R.E.B.	0.390	----	----	----	----	
-BURGAM BANK	0.310	----	----	----	----	
-K.F.HOUSE	0.570	0.560	0.560	0.560	370000	
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KMT INV. CO.	0.150	----	----	----	----	
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	----	----	----	----	
-K.I.I.C.	0.148	----	----	----	----	
-COM.FACILITIES	0.480	----	----	----	----	
-AMLIAH INV.	0.000	----	----	----	----	
-I.F.A.	0.100	----	----	----	----	
-INV. PEARL KMT	0.104	----	----	----	----	
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KMT INSURANCE	0.730	----	----	----	----	
-GULF INSURANCE	0.370	0.350	0.350	0.350	50000	
-AMLIA INS. CO.	0.580	----	----	----	----	
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.455	----	----	----	----	
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
-KMT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.232	----	----	----	----	
-UNIT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.102	----	----	----	----	
-NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.204	----	----	----	----	
-SALHIAN R.E.	0.080	----	----	----	----	
-KMT PROJECTS	0.088	----	----	----	----	
-KMT R.E.I.COM	0.000	----	----	----	----	
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.540	----	----	----	----	
-KMT M.P. IND.	0.300	----	----	----	----	
-KMT CEMENT CO.	0.255	----	----	----	----	
-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	----	----	----	----	
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	----	----	----	----	
-GULF CABLE	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	5000	
-K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.212	----	----	----	----	
-CONT. MARINE	0.350	0.260	0.260	0.260	20000	
-K.SA.REP.CO.	0.042	----	----	----	----	
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	----	----	----	----	
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	----	----	----	----	
-KMT HOTELS CO.	0.170	----	----	----	----	
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.162	0.160	0.160	0.160	20000	
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.018	0.017	0.017	0.017	80000	
-MOBILE TELE.	0.355	0.350	0.350	0.350	189460	
-KMT COMPUTER	0.178	----	----	----	----	
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	----	----	----	----	
-UNITO FISHERIES	0.154	----	----	----	----	
-UNITO POULTRY	0.216	----	----	----	----	
-KMT FOODS	0.315	----	----	----	----	
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	----	----	----	----	
NON-KUT SECTOR						
-BHW-INTER.BK	0.069	----	----	----	----	
-BHW-N.EAST.BK	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	80000	
-UNITO GULF BK	0.000	----	----	----	----	
-COAST INVEST.	0.104	----	----	----	----	
-A.G. INV. CORP	0.035	----	----	----	----	
-FIRST GULF BK	0.420	----	----	----	----	
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-GULF INTL INS	0.009	----	----	----	----	
-ARAB INT CO.	0.055	----	----	----	----	
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	----	----	----	----	
-GULF UNION INS	0.070	----	----	----	----	
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
-B.H.M. MEDICAL	0.029	----	----	----	----	
-C.R.-K.WRITTE CHNT	0.026	----	----	----	----	
-D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.006	----	----	----	----	
-F-FLAJAIRAH.CEMT	0.008	----	----	----	----	
-F-SHARJAH.CEMENT	0.010	----	----	----	----	
-G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	----	----	----	----	
-H-HUM ALTAHANI	0.022	----	----	----	----	

KD deposit rates ease as dollar plunges

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates eased today, maintaining a week-long trend caused by the sharp fall of the dollar on international exchange markets.

The Central Bank's exchange rate for the dollar plunged to 0.28142/52 dinars from Thursday's 0.28438/48, while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28147/51.

The dollar's fall has encouraged banks to sell the US currency, boosting dinar liquidity. Dealers expect even lower rates later in the week as month-end government salaries entered the system.

Trading was quiet with overnight and tomorrow-next deals at one per cent.

The fixed periods eased around 1/4 point to 5-7/8, 1/2 per cent for the one-month, 6-1/8, 5-7/8 per cent for the two-month, 6-1/4, six per cent for the three-month and 6-1/2, six per cent for the six-month. Three-month business was reported at 6-1/4 per cent.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposits were steady today in a very quiet and liquid market typical during the European weekend when many major off-

shore players are absent.

Dealers reported virtually no activity but predicted rates might ease slightly later in response to a softer tone to dollar interest rates, often closely tracked by riyal deposits.

Spot-next and one-week funds were marked one point down from Thursday's levels, at 8-1/2, eight per cent. Gulf banks are shut during the Muslim Friday weekend.

Fixed period rates were indicated unchanged with one-month put at 8-11/16, 1/2 per cent, three-month at 8-7/8, 3/4 per cent and six-month at 8-15/16, 13/16 per cent. One-year was also steady at 9-1/8, nine per cent.

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct. 15. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-3/4	6-1/16
3 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
6 months	6-1/4	6-9/16
1 year	6-1/4	6-5/8

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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.15	1.16
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.79	1.80
ARAB BANK	110.2	111.9
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.71	3.73
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.45	1.50
ARAB INSURANCE	0.90	0.99
ARAB INT./INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT.UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.30	0.31
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.89	1.88
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.95	14.95
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.67	0.67
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.81	1.80
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.48	0.47
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.56	0.55
GARAGE OWNERS OFF.	3.55	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.35	2.45
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	1.30
GENERAL MINING	1.35	1.35
HIMAN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.27	1.27
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.67	0.67
INDSTR. DEVELT BAK	1.50	1.45
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.15	1.15
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.12	0.11
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.28	1.31
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.79
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.19	1.18
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.63	1.65
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.04	1.04
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.92	0.94
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.63	1.63
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.58	0.57
JOR LIM BRICK	0.19	0.19
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.52	2.55
JOR PAPER CARDBOARD	3.25	3.30
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.52	2.65
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.24	1.25
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.16
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.72	0.73
JOR SECURITY CORP.	0.75	0.73
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.60	2.60
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.15	1.15
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60	4.60
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.70	7.75
JOR.FRENCH INS.	4.55	4.52
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.12	2.13
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.29
JORDAN DAIRY	1.01	1.01
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.18
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.63	1.63
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.32	1.31
JORDAN TANNING	1.97	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.62	0.65
MACH/ENG/RENT/MATN	0.75	0.75
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.67	0.74
NAT.FIN.INVEST CO	1.78	1.73
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/INF	1.00	1.00
NATIONAL ARLIA INS	1.24	1.30
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40	0.38
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.67	0.67
NATIONAL STATE	2.50	2.51
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.90	2.00
PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.38
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.92	0.95
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.82	0.75
REAL ESTATE VENT.	0.82	0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.86
SPINNING WEAVING	0.92	0.92
THE HOUSING BANK	1.82	1.80
UNITED INSURANCE	0.98	0.98
UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.69	1.70
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.64	0.65
WOOLLEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.18	1.18

SNIPPETS

Manila campus declared 'nuclear free' zone

THE University of the Philippines Manila, the premier learning institution for the health sciences, has recently joined other provinces and areas which are included in the Declaration of Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone.

The university is composed of 3,251 students, 467 medical, and 151 paramedical, 82 arts and sciences faculties and 3,364 paramedical professionals and administrative personnel.

The declaration was made during the third meeting of the Pamantasan Asemblea, UPM's policy making body, along with the adoption of a resolution supporting the "No to Nukes, Yes to Life" signature campaign, initiated by the National Movement for Civil Liberties.

The body also agreed to launch a public information campaign on the dangers of nuclear weapons, stressing that despite its being an urgent issue, majority of our people are still unaware of its harmful effects.

PAL jet survives near crash in Hong Kong

HONG KONG: A Philippine jumbo jet with 303 passengers aboard veered off the runway after landing at Hong Kong's international airport recently because of mechanical trouble, but there were no injuries, the government reported.

The Boeing 747 belonging to Philippine Airlines veered off the runway into an adjacent grass area near the Royal Hong Kong Air Force headquarters, a government statement said.

The jetliner, flight 300, which arrived from Manila, was immobilised in the mishap and later towed away by airport workers, the statement said. It said the runway at the airport was temporarily closed after the incident but that no delay was caused to normal air traffic.

Baguio City has its own 'killing fields'

BAGUIO CITY: The summer capital does not only count for 50 per cent of the total crimes committed in Region I; it also has "killing fields" of its own. There are two identified fields, the Marcos Highway and Naguilian Road. Both are connected with La Union province to the south and are isolated with practically no traffic in the evenings.

At least 14 victims have been recovered since January this year by policemen of municipalities traversed by the two highways. The 15th victim was identified as Nancy Gernale whose mangled body was found last Sept 15 in a 300-feet ravine below the tourism view deck along the Marcos Road.

Gernale was a former secretary of The Gold Ore, a local weekly. Her death was dubbed by police probes as "suicide". The local weekly, however, doubts the police theory and is pressing for further investigation by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) regional office here.

Most of the other recovered bodies have tattoos, prompting investigators to conclude they were salvage victims. Only a few have been identified. The CHR office is facing a blank wall as to the perpetrators because no witnesses have come forward to volunteer any testimony.

'Thriller from Manila'

A FILIPINO sexpot has at last made it to the centerfold of the November Playboy magazine.

"Thriller from Manila" is the title of a 12-page spread featuring Pia Reyes, born in Manila on July 3, 1964 of Filipino/Portuguese/Chinese parents. The gorgeous centerfold is all of three pages lengthwise.

She grew up in Haverton, Pennsylvania. She said her mom was always cooking this smelly fish, "but I grew up like a white suburban kid."

Pia Reyes looks thoroughly Filipino, or Oriental, from head to toe, if you can notice the head and even one toe.

One in three murders solved by police in Manila

Crooks getting away with murder

Statistics reveal low batting average for cops against crooks in the Metropolitan Manila area.

MANILA: Murder will always out, so goes the saying but in Metro Manila the perpetrator stands good chances of evading the law.

Statistics and solution in the metropolitan area show the city police can only be expected to solve one out of every three murder cases and bump against the proverbial blank wall on the two others.

The figures substantiating such a reality in the metropolis peace and order situation come from the National Police Commission (Napolcom) which reports that of the 764 murders committed in 1986, police were only able to solve 299 of the cases with the remaining 465 added to the growing file of unsolved murders.

Average

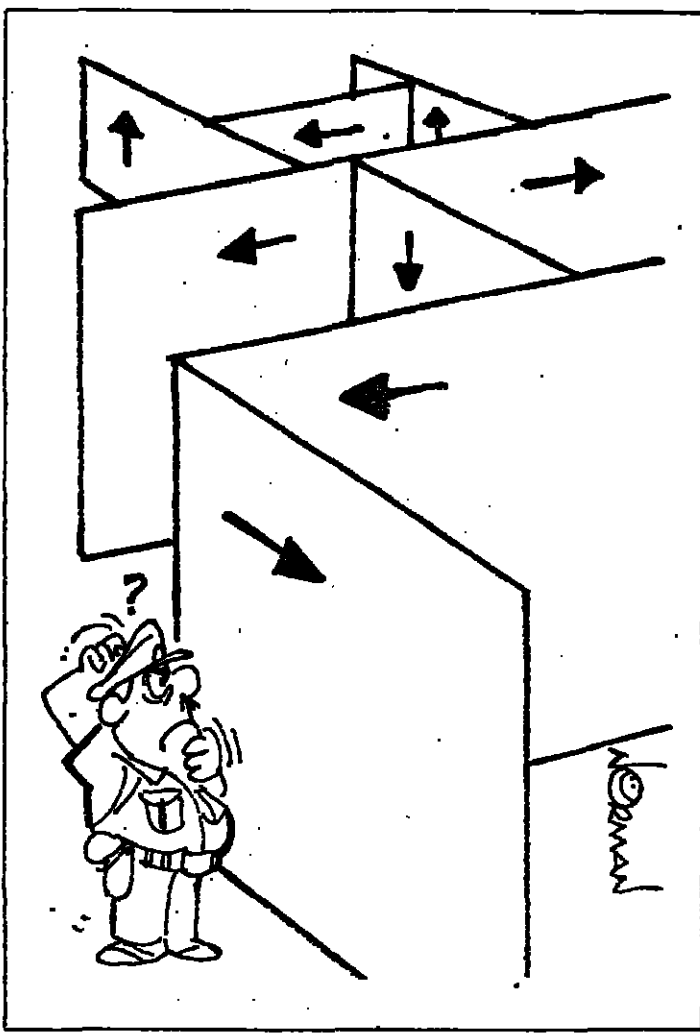
Low batting average of the police in the four cities and 13 municipalities which make up the Metropolitan Manila area in solution of murder cases underscores a perennial complaint of the law enforcement authorities — lack of competent manpower and dearth of crime-fighting equipment.

Action to redress such a police complaint is now possible since the jurisdiction over supervision of city and municipal police forces has been returned to the mayors.

Authority of the mayors over the local police was taken away during the dictatorship years when the police forces were integrated into the Philippine Constabulary and became one more arm in repressing the people.

Criminal offenses committed in Metro Manila in 1986 (those of 1987 are still being compiled) totalled 21,914 and that 14,283 of such cases were index crimes, according to Napolcom.

Index crimes are defined as those offenses which are committed with sufficient frequency and regularity. Such crimes are murder, homicide, rape, physical injury, robbery and theft.



The index crime rate for Metro Manila in 1986 was 199 per every 1,000 population while based on volume (all crimes) such a rate was 301, Napolcom points out. The 1986 index crime volume of 14,283 breaks down into 5,110 robbery cases, 4,927 theft cases,

1,308 homicide, 1,502 physical injury cases, 764 murders, and 172 cases of rape.

Crime rates for robbery and theft cases are highest at 71 and 69, respectively, per 1,000 population with Napolcom pointing out that such rates per-

tain only to those duly reported to the police. The explanation is due to the fact that a good number of robbery and theft victims do not bother to complain to the police on the belief that it is an exercise in futility.

Turning to police performances in solving index crimes, Napolcom notes that of the total 14,282 cases, the police cleared or solved 9,158 of them for an overall 64.1 per cent score in crime solution.

Sectoralised into four districts (Western, Eastern, Southern), the Metro Manila police scored highest in the solution of reported rape cases arresting 91.3 per cent of the culprits in 157 of the 172 incidents, according to Napolcom.

Solution of the physical injury cases was a satisfactory 79.3 per cent or 1,191 out of a total 1,502 while on theft cases, the solution percentage was 69 per cent or 3,401 out of the 4,927 committed.

It is in the murder cases where police performance was poor, solving only 34.1 per cent or just a third of the 764 total cases while on homicide cases it is 60.6 per cent, Napolcom observes.

Of the total 21,914 index and non-index crimes logged in the Metro Manila police blotter in 1986, Napolcom reports that 65.32 per cent were cleared or solved.

Quezon City emerges on the Napolcom list as the most crime-ridden area of the metropolis with 6,840 recorded criminal offenses followed by Manila proper with a count of 5,607. Pasay City is at third with 5,607 and Makati at fourth with 1,278 while Caloocan City occupies fifth with 1,199.

Lumping the index and non-index crimes, Napolcom computes a crime rate of 301 per 1,000 population in Metro Manila in 1986. The highest rate at 162 were crime against property; 57 for crimes against persons; 50 for crimes against moral and public order; 19 for other crimes; and three for crimes against chastity.

Kapilku, Flassik to celebrate seventh anniversary

THE Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) and the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flassik) will be celebrating their seventh year anniversary in Kuwait on 28 October 1988 at the Tent Room of the SAS Hotel.

The night's festivities will include a dinner to be followed immediately by a cultural show featuring local talents.

Productive

According to the Executive Board of Kapilku, 1988 has been a very productive year for the association. The year started with an intensified membership drive campaign which brought them different Filipino sectors in Kuwait. This was followed by a highly successful Photo Contest, a 3-month project which generated tremendous support not only from members but also

from the leading photographic companies in Kuwait.

This complemented perfectly with the traditional monthly "Kamustahan" project of Kapilku wherein the Filipinos are given the chance to gather and meet new friends. If success can be measured by the number of participants and audience it generates then definitely the recently concluded 7th Annual Palarong Pilipino Mini-Olympics tagged this year as "Batakan ng Buto '88" was a highly successful project. However the association recognises that all these social, cultural and sports projects would be meaningless unless the organisation continuously provides assistance to Filipino destitutes in Kuwait.

This is the primary objective of Kapilku this year and all are welcome to do their share by simply supporting the projects of the Kapilku. The quarterly newsletter of both Kapilku and Flassik called Pinoy News not only serves as a voice but informs the Filipino community of the accomplishments and projects of the two Associations from time to time.

Traditional

Besides pursuing traditional as well as new projects for the benefit of the Filipino community, Kapilku has supported a number of worthwhile projects in co-ordination with other notable organizations. Last May, they supported the Kuwait-Phil Economic Council in holding a Filipino Food Festival at the Meridien Hotel. Other than the array of Filipino food, a musical variety show featured local Filipino talents in Kuwait.

As they enter the last quarter of the year, Kapilku has lined up other projects for the remainder of the year.

As a service to all Filipinos in Kuwait, Kapilku is coming up with a computerized census and listing of those working or residing here in Kuwait. Filipinos who are not yet registered are invited to become active members of Kapilku and enjoy its many benefits for eg, discounts in various stores. This master list of Filipinos in Kuwait will be endorsed by the Philippine Embassy in December during the General Meeting and Election of new officers for the year 1989.

For particulars on the 7th anniversary dinner, call Edna Tel 5634200, Florence 2439451, and Jojo 9039593, or any other Kapilku or Flassik officers and co-ordinators.

By Romy V. Mapile

THE Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has proposed to recall all excess envoys to forestall charges of overstaffing of Philippine embassies and consulate offices.

The consensus was reached during a meeting of DFA assistant secretaries and director generals. Acting Foreign Affairs Secretary Manuel T. Yan presided over the meeting.

Subject to the final approval of Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus the move was intended to implement the DFA reorganization programme, save millions of dollars in foreign service expenses, and preempt further criticisms from the public and official sectors.

The DFA is currently being chastised by legislators and the

Proposal to recall 'excess envoys'

press for foreign service posts which are overstaffed with chiefs of mission and deputy chiefs of missions.

Acting Secretary Yan said most Philippine embassies are small foreign postings and do not really need deputy chiefs of missions.

Yan recommended that all deputy chiefs of missions be recalled to the home office and replaced, if necessary with foreign service officers at the lower counsellor levels.

DFA sources said that some Philippine missions abroad do not even need ambassadors, specially those handling merely

consular functions, which can be adequately attended to by foreign service officers.

To assign ambassadors or even chiefs of missions to these consular offices is not only extravagant but also awkward because the assignment outranks the position, it was explained.

Foreign postings are costly because it entails a host of expenses for living quarters, overseas allowance, educational allowance, family allowance, clothing allowance, representation expenses, and post allowances, the sources said.

Street children good in maths

By Eddee RH. Castro

MOST Filipino school children who are engaged in buying and selling on the streets are good in mathematics.

This was disclosed by a research study conducted by Dr. Pilar Centina of the University of the Philippines, College of Education recently.

Centina describes a typical Filipino street child as being 14 years old with an average number of years schooling as five years and average number of years selling experience as four years.

He has a fair grasp to higher level of ordering and concepts of ordinal numbers, can count fast up to 100 and has additional abstract concepts of whole and decimal numbers.

He also sees variance of num-

bers. He groups objects using price as an attribute for grouping as he groups objects of the same price.

Centina explains that the street child recognizing that mastery of skills in problem solving help greatly to facilitate selling and earning in the streets, learns numeracy from all available methods — formal, provided he is still in school, informal, as he learns from his parents and family members, and non-formal, as he learns from his peers, other vendors and customers.

Centina observes that the street child's willingness to learn helps him a lot to solve verbal problems related to selling. He can solve on the spot problems involving selling through heuristic methods (observation and mastery) with speed.

Centina notes that the street child working on the streets

allow him to be creative and he manifests this through methods and strategies in learning mathematics concepts and acquiring skills in problem solving.

Researcher Centina designed an arithmetic programme which she hopes will find the gap between the used methods of teaching and the actual methods of learning mathematics.

Centina emphasises the importance of giving the street children the chance to have proper training so that their numerical skills could be developed further and they can apply this in earning their living.

"There is a need to integrate numeracy with literacy and livelihood. The children must be trained to transcend selling or hawking in the streets to more profitable and less dangerous occupations," Centina emphasised.

200,000 migrant workers to be sent home

SOME 200,000 Filipinos, most of them migrant workers who have entered Sabah illegally, will be sent home, a Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) official revealed last week.

The DFA is sending a 15-man team to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia to help process the travel papers of the Filipinos, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Manuel Yan's office, which had been preparing the team's mission to Malaysia, is waiting for Secretary Raul Manglapus to give the team the go-signal.

The workers will stay for about six months in Kota Kinabalu because of the big number of Filipinos to be repatriated, the DFA man said.

Some 500,000 Filipinos are now in different parts of Sabah. Some of them entered legally and are working in logging projects.

Earlier, Philippine Ambassador to Kuala Lumpur Pablo Suarez said the Malaysian government will start requiring foreigners in Sabah to secure ID cards or work permits to flush out illegal entrants.

Suarez said those who will be found to have entered Sabah illegally and without regular jobs will be sent home.

Patience pays off for Alberto A. Figueroa

Ignored inventor gains international recognition

By Jess T. Bustamante

REMEMBER Alberto A. Figueroa who invented a stove-burner that will reduce our oil consumption by 40 per cent and prevent further denudation of our forests?

For over six years, the poor guy has been knocking on the doors of government agencies like the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Environment and Nature Resources for funding. But it seems that his cry for help has fallen on deaf ears.

The obvious conclusion is that the merits of his invention will have to be first recognised abroad before he can get any help from his government.

Last Sept 5, he received a letter from the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology inviting him to attend the workshop-commission on new and renewable sources of energy (NRSE) which will be held on Oct 19-28 in Beijing, China.

Hosted by the People's Republic of China State Science and Technology Commission, the workshop seeks to exchange experience relating to the utilisation of the NRSE, promote

utilization of selected commercially proven or viable NRSE technologies; facilitate technology transfer among small and medium enterprises and strengthen regional technical co-operation in the field.

His job-like patience for the past six years during which he established an energy resource conservation system through his invention has won for him international recognition.

It is indeed lamentable that in his own country, he has not gotten any token of co-operation from the government agencies he had approached for help. As a newspaper columnist put it, "nothing has been done to implement the Figueroa system which seems buried in the bureaucratic bowels of the DENR."

Technology

The technology that Figueroa is offering is an appropriate decentralised method of small-scale power generation which is patented in the Philippines, the US and other countries; and which has won for him the 1984 Presidential Merit Medal and Diploma for invention, the commendation of the World Bank and other significant domestic and international citations.

In a letter to President Aquino, he said the Kenyan government is seriously deliberating the possibility of adopting the development full-scale.

This is because like the Philippines, Kenya has a big rural population. The system offers the rural poor convenient and efficient low-cost cooking and livelihood energy through the use of the unique Figueroa stove-burner and granular bio-fuel invention and discourages them from the profligate practice of indiscriminately cutting wood for fuel.

If the message of Figueroa sinks into the President's consciousness, it could mean a lot because in this country nothing seems to move without presidential intervention.

The President could be moved into action once she finally comes to believe in the capability of Figueroa's invention to help solve the perennial garbage disposal problem especially in Manila where piles of garbage can be seen in every corner of the city. Perhaps when Figueroa comes back from the Beijing workshop, he can expect a more receptive Aquino administration that will help him and other inventors as well.

Rico Puno, Louna, coming to Kuwait



Rico J. Puno

THERE is much excitement in the Filipino community in Kuwait over the impending arrival of top entertainer, Rico J. Puno, who will perform at the Al Andalus theatre on Nov 17 and 18.

Puno is currently performing to adoring audiences in



Louna Pal

Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose and Washington D.C. Puno has recorded over 15 albums, and acted in seven films. He will be completing another album this year.

Performing with Puno is Louna Pal who is making her mark in the music scene with

her svelte looks and beautiful voice. Louna, described as one of the most beautiful faces in the entertainment world, has won the Grand Prix in the Dresden Song Festival, and also the second prize in the Songfest held in Singapore this year.

Language 'confusion' clarified

By T. Rimando

EDUCATION Secretary Lourdes R. Quisumbing denied recent reports that the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) has mandated the use of Filipino (no longer "Pilipino") as a medium of instruction in all subject areas — except in mathematics and science — in both high school and college.

Quisumbing said the reports were misleading and baseless. The education department never came out with any order or instruction imposing the use of Filipino in the classrooms, Quisumbing said.

Confusion

She traced the language confusion in school to the issuance late last month by President Aquino of Executive Order (EO) No. 355 "enjoining all departments and agencies of the government to take such steps as are necessary for the purpose of using the Filipino language in official transactions, communications, and correspondence."

Quisumbing stressed that, through DECS Order No. 84 dated Sept 9, she merely endorsed the EO to all field school officials and heads of public and private high schools and colleges, advising them to bring the presidential order to the attention of all concerned for their information and guidance.

Quisumbing explained that the DECS is still enforcing its 1987 policy on bilingual education in the elementary, secondary, and tertiary levels.

She defined operationally bilingual education as the separate use of Filipino and English as mediums of instruction in specific subjects.

According to Quisumbing, the subjects taught in English in both elementary and high school are mathematics, science, communication arts (English), and values education.

Those taught in Filipino, she said, are social studies (araling panlipunan), communication arts (Filipino), physical education, music, and arts.

Values education may also be taught in Filipino, especially in Tagalog-speaking areas, Quisumbing added.

Skills

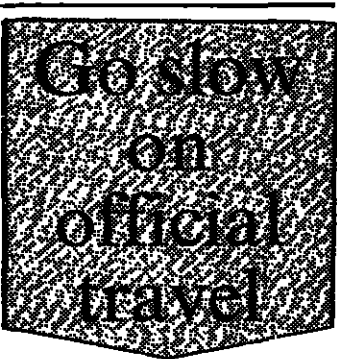
She said that the aspiration of the Filipino nation is to have its citizens possess skills in the Filipino language to enable them to perform their functions and duties as Filipino people and in English in order for them to meet the needs of the country in the community of nations.

Quisumbing said there is no definite language policy in tertiary education, their being academic freedom in colleges and universities.

Instruction in Filipino is never

imposed in institutions of higher learning, she said.

Quisumbing also announced that the new secondary education curriculum, which will be implemented nationwide next school year also seeks to enable students to master both English and Filipino.



PRESIDENT Aquino ordered top government officials to stop making frequent and unnecessary travel abroad to save on public funds and attend to their jobs better.

Applying the brakes on costly official travels, the President directed that from now on, officials should "limit their travels abroad to those that are urgent and absolutely necessary."

Policy

Aquino pointed out that the policy against unnecessary travels applies to department secretaries, undersecretaries, assistant secretaries, and other officials of equivalent rank in the executive department.

"They should be on hand to efficiently and effectively manage their respective offices and be available to respond immediately and decisively to matters that require their attention," the President stressed.

In issuing Executive Order No. 339, Aquino also said that the curbing of unnecessary travels abroad is also in line with the government policy of restraint in the utilisation of its resources or public funds.

Expenditure

She pointed out that expenditure for official travel abroad is an expense item that can be minimised at a time when the government is promoting austerity and wise spending of public funds.

The President said that henceforth, official travels will be screened by Malacanang.

Proposed official travel abroad by officials concerned must be submitted to the Office of the President for evaluation and decision at least 10 days before the scheduled departure, she said.

War zone bonus suspended in Gulf

THE Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) chief Tomas Achacoso announced that the payment of the war zone bonus to Filipino seamen sailing and operating within the Arabian Gulf has been suspended.

The order was made after a recommendation to stop payment was made by the POEA tripartite technical working group which noted that the war between Iran and Iraq had stopped since Aug 20, 1988.

The lifting of the 100 per cent premium pay for Filipino seamen covers the Persian Gulf area except those away from the rivers Shatt Al Arab and Khor Musa.

Meanwhile, POEA deputy administrator Crescencio Siddayao appealed to the press and the broadcast media to publicise only job vacancies for abroad which are duly approved by POEA to avoid illegal recruit-

ment. He said any form of advertisement submitted to the media should be approved and signed by the licensing and regulation office, employment regulation branch or the employment services regulation division of the POEA.

Advertisements for actual job vacancies by licensed agencies and entities for their accredited foreign principals would be allowed only upon submission of the certified true copy of the approved job order.

Siddayao also said that the advertisement should indicate that the announcement is for manpower pooling only, and that no fee would be collected from the applicant.

Media releases on recruiters' negotiations with foreign principals involving overseas job openings would also be subject to POEA monitoring and regulation, Siddayao said.

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Tyson files divorce suit of his own

NEW YORK, Oct. 15, (Reuters): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson made a stinging counter-attack yesterday in the battle with his wife Robin Givens by filing a divorce suit of his own charging he was tricked into marriage by a faked pregnancy.

The suit filed by Tyson in superior court in Trenton, New Jersey, followed Givens' divorce suit brought on October 7 in California, where divorce laws could yield an even split of his estimated \$50 million fortune.

Since then Givens, who was granted court-ordered protection from Tyson, has called for a reconciliation in the eight-month-old marriage.

But Tyson, 22, lashed back yesterday with a four-point legal attack on Givens that also asked the court to annul the marriage.

The suit said Givens had made fraudulent and deceitful misrepresentations to Tyson on areas including: her true affections and feelings, her financial intentions, her "purported" premarital pregnancy, and her long-term commitment to the marriage.

Givens, in a nationally televised interview conducted yesterday morning and aired last night, addressed some of the issues raised by Tyson.

Asked about reports that she told Tyson she was pregnant in order to get him to marry her, Givens replied: "That is completely against my nature, against my personality. I'm extremely independent, I have a career of my own."

Unsure

"If anything, if anyone was pressuring anyone to get married, Michael was pressuring me."

Givens, tears streaming down her face, said she still loved Tyson but was unsure whether they could get back together. "I'm a fighter. That's my nature. That's my instinct, to fight. But I'm not going to fight by myself."

Tyson also charged that manipulation by Givens and her family had adversely affected his career and asked the court to force her to compensate him for any economic losses caused by her conduct.

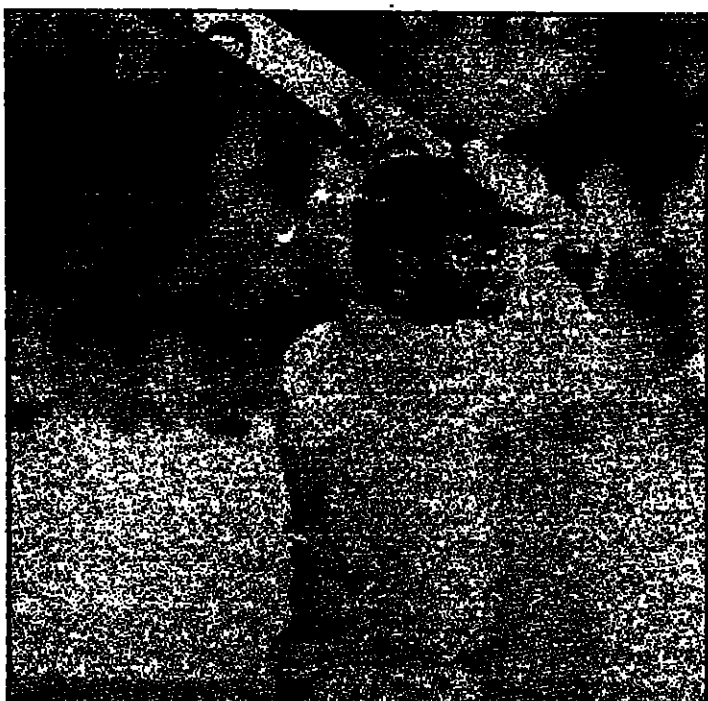
The suit claimed Givens' "extreme cruelty" included a campaign "to publicly humiliate the plaintiff, to destroy his reputation and dignity, and to destroy his credibility as a public figure."

The troubled champion, who has admitted to being diagnosed as suffering from manic-depression, has been involved in a spate of controversy in recent months.

Last summer he broke his right hand in a Harlem street fight, and drove a car into a tree in upstate New York in what some said was a frustrated suicide attempt fuelled by his stormy relationship with Givens.

INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO RELY ON SPINNERS

W. Indies tipped to win in Sharjah



Richards: leading a strong W. Indies side

SHARJAH, Oct. 15, (Reuters): Despite the last-minute withdrawal of demon pacebowler Malcolm Marshall, the West Indies are favourites to win the 1988 Sharjah Champions Cricket Trophy contest which opens tomorrow.

India and Pakistan are the two other countries vying for prizes totalling \$70,000.

Led by master batsman Viv Richards, the West Indies have named a top line-up, with the exception of Marshall who failed to arrive with the squad yesterday.

Option

"Marshall needed a break from the game after a taxing and hard season. We have no option but to accept his decision. We have an able deputy in young Ian Bishop," said team manager Clive Lloyd.

World Cup winners in 1975 and 1979, the West Indies should prevail over the Pakistan team, minus skipper Imran Khan, and India, led by Dilip Vengsarkar.

The West Indians have been to Sharjah twice before and on both occasions easily beat India and Pakistan to win the champions trophy.

They are the only country not to lose a match in the United Arab Emirates since top-level cricket was introduced in the UAE in 1983.

India is banking on its strong batting and top-class spinners to topple the West Indies and Pakistan.

"Ours is the strongest batting side in the world. We have high-class spinners and this could turn the tide in our favour," said Vengsarkar, back after serving a six-month ban imposed by the Indian cricket authorities for writing newspaper articles without permission.

Pakistan, which has just won a controversial Test series against Australia, were due to arrive this evening.

Captained by Javed Miandad, the Pakistanis too are relying on spinners.

They have named three specialist spinners — Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed and Iqbal Qasim.

Besides the cash prizes, the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS) which is organising the tournament will hand out \$420,000 during the week-long competition.

Major beneficiaries Mohsin Khan (Pakistan) and Ravi Shastri (India) are to receive \$50,000 each.

Munir Malik (Pakistan) and Chandrashekar (India) are to get \$15,000 each.

Umpires for the tournament are Englishmen Dickie Bird and David Shepherd.

The full list of fixtures are:

Oct 16 — India v West Indies.

Oct 18 — Pakistan v loser of first match.

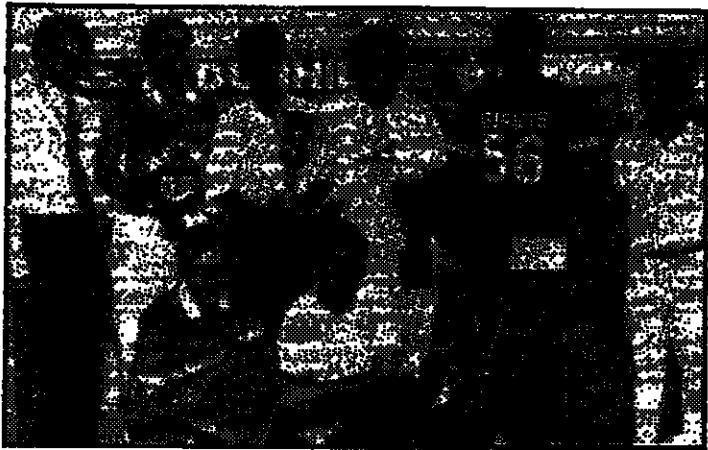
Oct 19 — Pakistan v winner of first match.

Oct 21 — semifinal.

Oct 22 — final.

The matches will be of 50 overs each innings.

Al Otaibi and Paras take GP titles



The men's (left) and women's winners with other officials after receiving their prizes.

HAMAD AL OTAIBI and Cora Paras won the men's and women's titles respectively at the first PBAK Grand Prix Bowling Tournament held at the 300 Club over the weekend.

Al Otaibi, a Saudi, compiled a score of 1,207 pinfalls to emerge as the champion. He also got the High Series with a score of 626.

Reached

Khalid Al Zinki, a Kuwaiti, took the first runner-up slot with 1,185 pinfalls while Nafez Fauzi Al Aqras finished second runner-up with 1,161 pinfalls.

The others who reached the top six were Flor Tongson, Manny Inserto and Hameed Al Qabandi. Tongson scored 1,151, Inserto 1,136 and Al Qabandi 1,128.

Edwin Nepomuceno failed to finish in the top six but still went home with a prize as he got the High Game of the tournament — 254 in a single game.

Paras, who had been the leader in the women's event last week,

stayed ahead again throughout Friday's game to take the title with 1,041 pinfalls. She took the other two top awards — High Game and High Series — with scores of 195 and 526 respectively.

Bojo Hamdan took the first runner-up position with 1,040 — just one pinfall short of the champion. She made a strong finish in the second set but that was not enough to beat Paras.

Eva Sabay, the 1988 Masters champion, finished second runner-up in the women's section with a score of 963.

The other three women in the top six were Escile Contreras with 919 pinfalls, Luz Mesenas 911 and Edna Abenoja 874.

The trophies were awarded to the winners and runners-up by Florentino Ocampo, the PBAK adviser and Philippine embassy attaché.

In the other PBAK tournament held at the same time at the same venue, Hatid Ligaya-

Abughosh Int'l put up their most outstanding performance.

Hatid Ligaya thrashed Phil Supreme 3-1 in the sixth week of the PBAK Inter-Commercial Bowling League. Hatid Ligaya scored 929, 758, and 937 respectively against 847, 881 and 886 by Phil Supreme. Carl Baginda was the team's top scorer with 564, followed by Manny Inserto 559, Willy Sabay 476, Bennie Mitchell 360, Bob Peek 336 and Flor Tongson 326.

In the other games on Thursday Far East Restaurant beat Club 300 3-1 and Public Ports Authority won by default.

Outplayed

In the men's games on Friday, Al Qabandi defeated Kay & Associates 3-1, Far East Restaurant were held to a 2-2 draw by Magnolia Ice Cream and Al Nageeb & Khattar Co. outclassed Club 300 4-0.

In the women's Friday games, Far East Restaurant blasted Magnolia Ice Cream 4-0 and

GED's Kay & Associates Inc. outplayed Boodai Aviation 3-1.

In Al Qabandi's game against Kay & Associates, the top marksmen for Al Qabandi were Fahad Al Ajmi with 609 and Sameer Peter 567. They were well supported by Mansoor Al Shatti 505, Hameed Al Qabandi 489 and Nashat Mohammed 489.

The Far East-Magnolia game produced some good action from both the sides before ending in a draw.

Jun Cheng, the Far-East vice-captain was the Most Valuable Bowler of the day with a score of 637 pinfalls. The other Far East players to do well were Celso Estrada 545, Kiln Mariano 505, Rudy Zablan 482 and Mario Evangelista 482.

For Magnolia, Pete Nierva was the top scorer with 577 while Tony Lason scored 564, Lando Cabrao 546, Archie Nanta 344, Nelson Guillermo 315, Homer Mesina 167, and Freddie Fernando 156.

Navratilova demolishes Zrubakova

FILDERSTADT, West Germany, Oct. 15, (Reuters): Top seed Martina Navratilova crushed Czechoslovakia's Radka Zrubakova 6-0 6-1 to reach the semifinal of the \$250,000 Filderstadt women's tennis tournament last night.

Her next opponent, West German Eva Pfaff, beat Elina Reinach of South Africa 6-3 3-6 6-4 but said she had little hope of holding out against the American.

Moved

Pfaff played an agile game against Reinach, dominating from the baseline and also winning several points at the net.

Number two seed Chris Evert also moved smoothly into the last four, ousting Sylvia Hanika 6-0 6-4.

After a disastrous first set, the West German number six salvaged a degree of pride with a better performance in the second, but was still no match for her opponent.

Evert will meet Italian eighth seed Raffaella Reggi, who eliminated France's Nathalie Tauziat 6-2 6-3.

Toulouse GP

TOULOUSE, France, Oct. 15, (Reuters): France's Henri Leconte, number one seed in the Olympia Toulouse Grand Prix, was knocked out in the quarter-final yesterday by Sweden's Christian Bergstrom, ranked 79th in the world.

But number two seed, Jimmy Connors, went through to the semifinals after beating Dutchman Michiel Schapers 6-2 6-4.



Edberg hits a return to Pereira during the second set. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mecir stuns Agassi

HONG KONG, Oct. 15, (AP): Third-seeded Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia upset second-seeded Andre Agassi of the United States 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 today to advance to the finals of the Hong Kong Mariboro Tennis Championship.

Mecir, the Olympic gold medalist, is to meet Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden in the finals tomorrow. Top-seed Edberg defeated Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela 6-2, 6-3 in the other semifinal match.

Serve

Mecir, ranked 12th in the world, started slowly against Agassi. The American, ranked fourth, won the first set when he broke Mecir's serve in the sixth and eighth games.

The Czech began to find his form in the second set, breaking Agassi's service in the opening game but then dropping his service in the fourth. Mecir gained another break in the seventh game when a drop shot hit the net and fell beyond Agassi's reach.

In the deciding set, Agassi dropped his serve in the fifth game when he double-faulted at 0-40. The 18-year-old American once again lost his serve when he missed a passing shot from Mecir, who then went on to clinch the set and match.

"Agassi started very well and it took me sometime to get into the match," Mecir said afterward.

Edberg was too strong for 18-year-old Pereira, the junior Wimbledon and French Open champion.

The Swede broke the Venezuelan's service in the sixth game and reeled in two more games to take the first set.

Pereira served harder in the second set, but it was not enough to stop Edberg, who served and volleyed flawlessly.

The Swede broke Pereira's service once more in the eighth game to take the match.

The winner of the tournament will receive \$60,000 and the runner-up \$30,000.

Matuszewski upsets Mayotte

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 15, (UPI): Unheralded Richard Matuszewski sprang a stunning semifinal upset over top seeded fellow-American Tim Mayotte in the \$510,000 Australian Indoor Tennis Championships at Sydney's Entertainment Centre today.

Displaying a powerful baseline game and playing with ice in his veins, Matuszewski scored a comprehensive 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 victory over the world's eighth ranked player.

Rated

Matuszewski's opponent in tomorrow's title decider is fifth-seeded Slobodan Zivojinovic, the big-hitting Yugoslav who overwhelmed second-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-4, 6-2 in the second semi.

Matuszewski has been the revelation of the tournament. Before the tournament began, the 25-year-old New Yorker from Hopewell Junction, was

rated at odds of 200-1 to reach the final with a world ranking of 136.

Mayotte's trademark serve-and-volley game was riddled with errors on the Plexipave surface, undoubtedly exacerbated by a late finish to his quarterfinal match the previous night which left the Olympic silver medalist with just five hours sleep.

Matuszewski who had never made a Grand Prix final in his three year pro-career, was wide awake from the outset.

He cracked Mayotte's service to grab a 4-2 lead in the opening set but the title favourite broke back immediately with a string of immaculate returns.

Mayotte served for the set at 6-5 but three successive double faults took it into a tie break.

Seizing the opportunities spawned from Mayotte's uncertainty, Matuszewski won the tie break 8-6 and accelerated his winning impetus by sprinting to a 2-0 lead in the second set.

Shipton to lead Britain against British Airways

CRAIG SHIPTON, the Hubara captain in his third season in Kuwait, will lead Great Britain XI against the British Airways cricket squad from London on Sunday, Oct. 23, at the KOC Ahmadi New Ground.

Shipton, a prolific right-hand batsman who averaged over 50 in the last two seasons, will be determined to lead his team to victory over the visitors who will include Farokh Engineer and Don Wilson — both former Test players.

Shipton is also a left-arm bowler and can keep wickets when required to do so.

Excellent

The other members of the team are: Steve Anderson, Martin Coulson, Nick Elfinstone, Patrick Flower, Jimmy James, John McConville, Gerry Pallister, Ron Seward, Tim Stafford, Dave Talbot, Val Tudball and Kevin Wells.

Anderson plays for Casuals and is an excellent right-arm opening pace bowler. Anderson, in his fifth season in Kuwait, is expected to pose a lot of problems for the visitors with his accurate bowling. He will open the attack with Jimmy James who is also a right-arm bowler and gets into his length very quickly. James is a hard-hitting middle-order batsman.

Shipton is lucky to have

Hubara teammate Patrick Flower as his deputy. Flower, in his fourth season in Kuwait, is a useful all-rounder and can also weigh in with some useful advice.

Another player who is expected to make things difficult for the visitors is Nick Elfinstone, who played his early cricket for Eastbourne and Sussex Colts. Elfinstone is a good batsman and will be expected to tackle the visitors' attack.

McConville and Pallister are also dependable batsmen with the former also the side's wicketkeeper.

Steward, the former Casuals' captain, is a very good batsman and an occasional left-arm bowler with the ability to deliver the goods whenever required. Talbot and Tudball are also dependable batsmen with the former expected to open the innings with Shipton.

Announced

With the whole side a blend of experience and youth, the Great Britain XI is expected to hold its own against the visitors whose entire squad is yet to be announced.

But with Engineer and Wilson in the squad, though past their prime, the British Airways squad is expected to prove more than just a handful for the local side.

Greece strengthen hold

VENICE, Italy, Oct. 15, (Reuters): Closing scores in the World Bridge Team Olympiad yesterday showed Greece had scored 63 points out of a maximum 75, strengthening their lead in the Group A qualifiers.

63 points to edge into fourth place behind Austria.

In Group B, yesterday's best performance came from Italy who beat Morocco 20-10, Lebanon 22-8 and Pakistan 24-6. Ireland dropped back to second place, losing 18-12 to India and 22-8 to Mexico and drawing 15-15 with Canada.

India continued to make progress behind the leaders, beating Jordan 25-0 before losing 19-11 to Portugal.

Greece beat Israel 23-7 and Venezuela 25-4, drawing 15-15 with Poland. The United States, in second place, beat Turkey 19-11 and Kenya 25-2, drawing 15-15 with Panama. Norway scored

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